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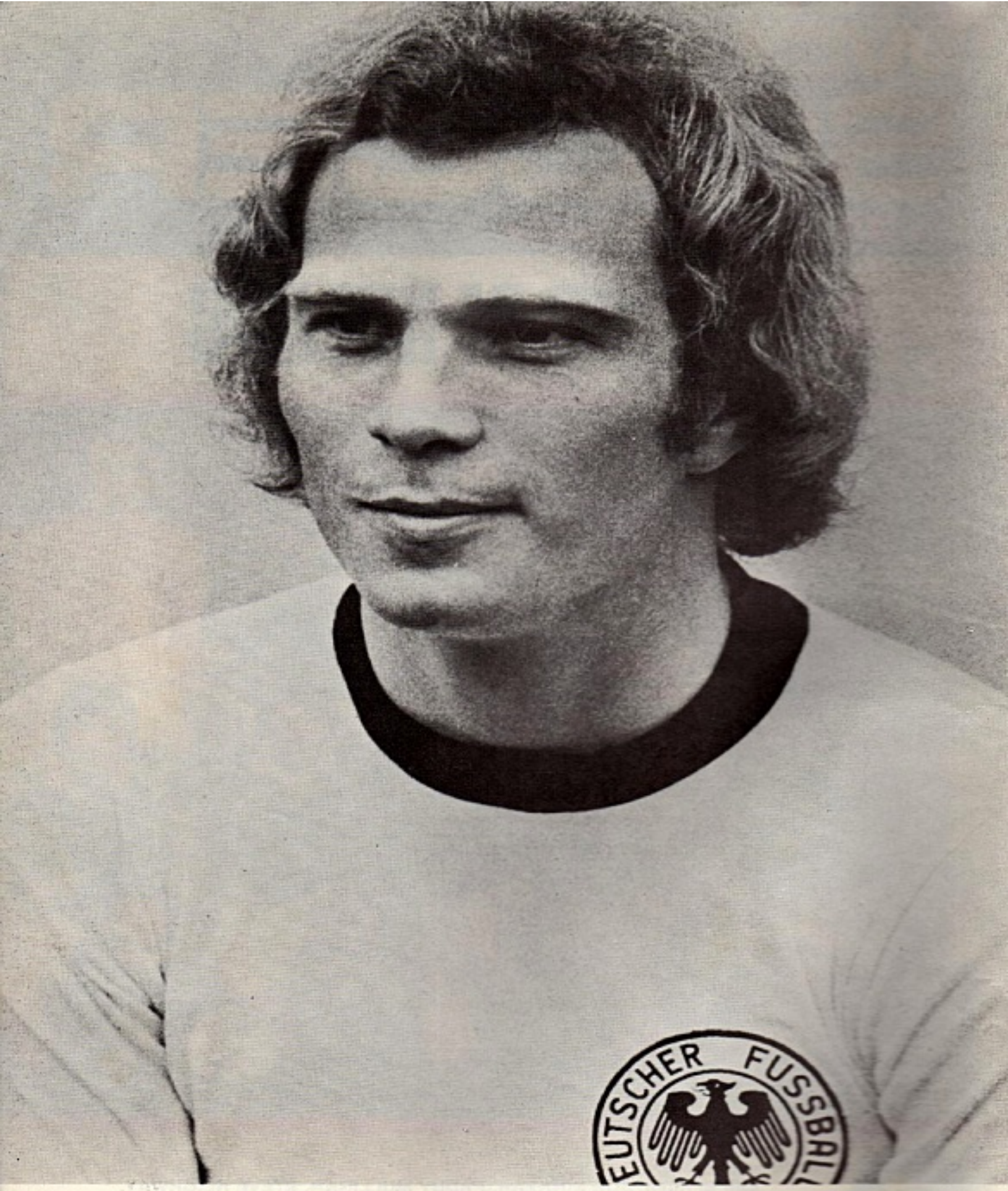

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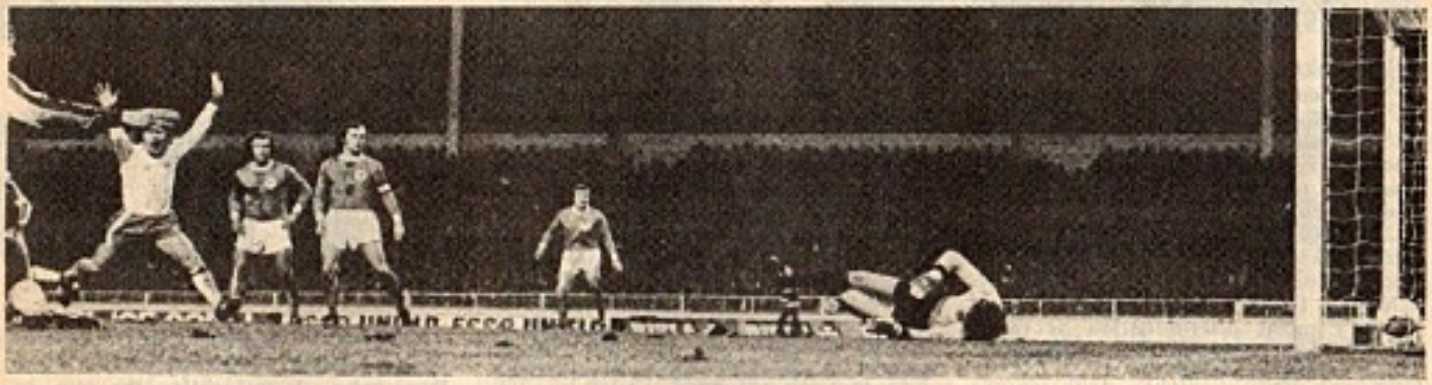

England's first goal against West Germany scored by Colin Bell (out of picture).

Well done England—and Leeds

ENGLISH football has received a very welcome shot in the arm by England's encouraging 2-0 victory over West Germany at Wembley and the progress of Leeds United through to the semi-finals of the European Cup. An experimental England side, with Alan Hudson getting a belated introduction to the full international scene, dominated the Germans, but the result and the performance must be kept in perspective.

West Germany fielded a weakened side, and their players didn't always show much enthusiasm for the occasion, or the wet and bitterly cold conditions. However, it was pleasing to watch an England team showing better control and more invention; yet ironically it was from a high cross that England scored a splendid second goal.

Hudson did well, although he faded at times. *Sunday Times* football correspondent Rob Hughes plotted Hudson's performance and will present his findings in *WORLD SOCCER* next month, along with an "in-depth" feature by Eric Batty. Helmut Schoen, the highly respected German team manager, makes some interesting points in an exclusive interview with Leslie Vernon on pages 26/27 of this issue. He says that he selects players on the basis of their form, regardless of age, at a particular time and if Don Revie follows a similar policy the international careers of players like Alan Ball and Colin Bell could continue through to 1978.

The loss of players from Leeds United and Ipswich Town caused Mr. Revie to blood a couple of young full backs and both Steve Whitworth (Leicester City) and Ian Gillard, (Queens Park Rangers) adapted well. But neither looks as promising as Kevin Beattie of Ipswich, whose promotion to the senior side cannot have been delayed for long. One television commentator suggested that Don Revie had an embarrassment of riches at his disposal and it was gratifying to hear the national boss dispel that particular assumption. There is a long way still to go.

Leeds United did extremely well to win both legs of their European Cup quarter final against Anderlecht of Belgium. They go through with Barcelona, Bayern Munich and St. Etiene but Leeds seem better placed than ever before to emulate the 1968 achievement of Manchester United and win the European Cup.

Two players were outstanding in Brussels; the rapidly improving Frank Gray, a talented, fluent full back who—like Terry Cooper before him — has successfully switched from outside left to left back and the magnificent Norman Hunter.

With their depth of reserve strength and vast experience Leeds will be the team to beat.

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WORLD SOCCER ASIAN and AFRICAN NEWSDESK — a new feature

RHODESIA cannot re-enter international soccer through affiliation to the African Football Confederation (AFC) until racial discrimination in the country completely disappears, Rhodesia has been told in a letter from the AFC received in Salisbury.

The Secretary-General of the AFC, Mr. Ourad Fahmy, said in his letter to the National Football Association of Rhodesia that no Association "in whose country racial discrimination is practised" can be accepted as a member of the Confederation.

The letter confirmed Rhodesia's application for membership in the AFC had been rejected. Mr. Fahmy said the application was discussed at an AFC Executive Committee meeting in Cairo on December 12 last year.

Integrated

The letter said: "Until such a time as racial discrimination will have completely disappeared from Rhodesia and until such a time as there will be a Football Association of Rhodesia fully representative of all integrated Rhodesians, coloured and white alike, this kind of request (for membership) will have to be refused."

The AFC's rejection of Rhodesia's application ends more than three years of diplomatic bargaining by the country's top soccer officials. Since Rhodesia was suspended from membership of FIFA in 1970, soccer officials in Salisbury have fought some bitter battles for re-instatement.

The President of Rhodesia's Football Association, Mr John Madzima, feels that Rhodesia can still take its place in FIFA. "While membership in the AFC would have helped us tremendously, the question of our re-instatement with FIFA remains the prerogative of that body's executive," Mr. Madzima said.

Supported

"This view is supported by the fact that FIFA decided to send a fact-finding delegation to this country after our AFC application was rejected. We can still be full members of FIFA without being members of the Africa Confederation."

Mr. Madzima said the FIFA delegation could be expected in Rhodesia before June, in time to report back to the organisation's Executive Committee meeting later that month.

DR. JAOA HAVELANGE, President of FIFA, will visit China from May 5 to 8 for talks with Chinese soccer officials. Dr. Havelange, 58-year-old Brazilian millionaire, will be accompanied by FIFA's Swiss General Secretary, Dr. Helmut Kaiser.

The FIFA announcement said Dr. Havelange received an official invitation from the President of the Chinese Football Association, Mr. Chao Hsi-Wu to come to Peking to "discuss matters of mutual interest". It gave no further details but observers believe the question of China's possible return to FIFA, from which it withdrew in 1958, was bound to come up.

China had demanded that Taiwan be expelled from FIFA before it will rejoin. A move to gain Peking's reinstatement at the expense of Taiwan failed to muster the necessary majority at a FIFA Congress in Frankfurt, West Germany, last June.

Rejoin

Dr. Havelange has said that if China wants to rejoin FIFA it must place its candidature before FIFA's next Congress in Montreal in 1976. But FIFA has opened the door for China's return by allowing any member nation to play matches against China provided it first applies for a permit from the General Secretary.

Meanwhile, in Taipei, the Taiwan Football Association says it hopes FIFA would reject any proposal to admit China at the expense of Taiwan.

Mr. Chiang Chin-Izao, spokesman for the Taiwan Football Association, said FIFA President Dr. Havelange had said at a FIFA Executive Committee meeting in Rome last November that admission of China should not be made at the expense of Taiwan.

"We hope he will stick to his decision," he said, commenting on the report that Dr Havelange and Dr Kaiser will visit Peking in May.

INDEPENDIENTE of Argentina beat Atletico Madrid of Spain 1-0 in Buenos Aires in the first leg of the unofficial Inter-continental Club Championship. Atletico replaced Bayern Munich, the European Cup holders, who refused to play. Balbuena scored in the first half. A full report from Eric Weil will appear in next month's WORLD SOCCER.

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INDONESIA is determined to become the leading soccer power in South East Asia. It is tackling the task by taking 60 raw young players and two Dutch coaches, and shutting them away together for two years hard labour in a spartan "soccer university" in central Java.

This is what Indonesia is doing in a determined bid to recapture the form it showed in the 1960s when it won several top Asian tournaments, including the Merdeka Games and King's Cup.

For their two years of intensive training, under monastic conditions, the players get 10,000 rupiahs (about £10) a month pocket money, a body-building diet, a chance of glory . . . and a guarantee of future security.

Instinct

They are the pick of the 26 Indonesian district teams. None is less than five feet tall — tall by local standards — and all are bachelors aged between 18 and 22.

Coaches Willy Coerved and Wim Hendriks plan to build up their stamina and instil a killer instinct that will turn them into Asia's top team, challengers for the Montreal Olympics and the World Cup.

Their can be no doubt of Indonesia's seriousness. The Indonesian Football Association which has in the past faced severe cash shortages, now has a new patron and a new chairman. Its patron is Ibnu Sutow, Chairman of the State Oil Company Pertamina, one of the country's wealthiest and most influential citizens, and a man reported to be very close to President Suharto.

The Federation Chairman and Father of the University project is Mr. Badarsono, Chief of Staff at the Presidential Palace, whose job gives him virtually unlimited access to the President. In consequence the Federation (PSSI) can now call on almost unlimited money and the school for soccer — normal title "The Football Education and Training

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Centre" — opened its doors in February, barely three months after Mr. Badarsono first launched the idea on a startled public.

Admittedly two days later the footballs had still not arrived, there were no nets on the goals, and the workmen were still hammering nails into the complex of building outside this pleasant hill resort near Jogjakarta.

Coach

But studies have already began under Mr. Hendriks, who spent the past three years as a coach to Belgian club Turnout, and two years before that training a West German amateur club. Hendriks is preparing the players for the arrival of chief coach Coerver, who was with Feyenoord for three years.

He is due in Salatiga in May for a two-year appointment which will earn him about £70,000.

The students, who live four to a room, are roused at 6 am and get a glass of warm sweetened milk before turning out for field training, which lasts until breakfast at 8 am.

Then come theory lessons until 10 am, more field training, lunch — and a welcome three-hour break while the tropical sun is at its blistering height. Then it's back to the field for more training, and in the evening more theory or reflex-testing sports like tennis and volleyball until supper time. They are in bed by 10 pm.

Training

The course will also provide some non-football training, and Dr. Badarsono has promised that on graduation from the centre the players can rely on getting jobs with government banks. So far the players have had every Saturday and Sunday free, but soon they are to be formed into three teams which will tour the country playing local sides.

At present, the 26 district teams, all amateur, do not play on a regular weekly basis. Even the national club championships are held only every other year.

Hendriks is clearly impressed by the determination of the Indonesians to become Asia's top footballers. "It must be possible," he said. "Technically many of the players are as good as top European players. It is strength, stamina and strategy that we are going to have to work on."

One of his first campaigns was over the players diet of rice, rice and more rice . . . a diet which cost Henriks himself the loss of 14lbs in four days. His protest brought instant results. The kitchen was flooded with supplies of meat, eggs, fresh vegetables and fruit. There was a similar sign of the authorities' determination when it came to privacy. "We needed a fence to keep away the local kids from training sessions," Hendriks said. "In Europe that would take months. Here the local mayor was summoned and the matter was settled there and then."

Sitting in his simply furnished, but comfortable, house in the football complex, Hendriks explained how he and Coerver — an old friend with similar views on coaching — plan to introduce the concept of *Total* football to Indonesia.

The scheme involves more than diet, training and such body-building devices as the rack-like couch on which a player pushes against weights, which was invented by Coerver. "Total football demands everything — fitness, technique, temperament, and an ability to stamp a distinct personality on one's game," Hendriks said. "We also have to create killer instinct, a necessity for every great player, in these friendly, relaxed people."

Olympic News

CONCACAF	Group 2	17.4.75	El Salvador v. Nicaragua
		20.4.75	Nicaragua v. El Salvador
		22.4.75	possible 3rd match
		(All matches to be played in El Salvador — Stadium in Nicaragua destroyed)	
	Group 3	12.4.75	Barbados v. Trinidad
		29.4.75	Trinidad v. Barbados

Match System: Group 1 — Asia (D)

The Saudi Arabian Football Association has suggested to FIFA that in Group 1 — Asia, the six teams — Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia — be divided into two groups of three, either according to standard of play or by a draw. In both groups, each team would play home and away matches against each of the others on a point system, the winners of each group playing home and away matches against each other to decide the qualified team for Montreal.

FIFA has asked Saudi Arabia whether the other five Associations in this group have been informed and whether this suggestion is acceptable to the other participants in the group. Up to the time of going to print, no reply had been received from Saudi Arabia.

*FROM FIFA NEWS

WORLD SOCCER DIARY

THE West German Bundesliga is just about the most competitive League on the Continent judging by the turnover of managers at least.

The longest serving team coach is Hennes Weisweiler, who has been in charge of Borussia Moenchengladbach since 1964. Only Heinz Lucas at Dusseldorf comes anywhere near his record at present and he was only appointed in 1970.

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Remember Salif Keita the man from Mali who played in France and is now Valencia's top scorer in Spain?

Well there could be another player from that part of Africa making a name for himself in the not too distant future. He is Karim Dumbia a 21-year-old recommended by Keita to a Spanish provincial club.

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Giant-killing has taken on a new dimension in Poland this season. In the cup semi-final the reserve team of ROW Rybnik beat the first team of Gornik Zabrze 2-1 to qualify for the final.

In this they will meet a second division side Stal Rzeszow!

ROW Rybnik Reserves had previously accounted for three other First Division teams Legia Warsaw, Polonia Bytom and Lech Poznan. But the question is if the Reserves are that good, what's wrong with the first team?

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Bayern Munich have not been having much of a season in the Bundesliga.

But recently they passed a couple of important milestones. They have celebrated their 75th anniversary and the second goal scored by Conny Torstensson in the first leg European Cup tie with Ararat Erevan was their 100th at home in European competition.

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When Atvidaberg opted to play both legs of their European cup tie with Barcelona in Spain, it seemed rather a curious decision, apart from the obvious financial advantage to the Swedes.

However closer examination of the situation makes another reason quite a logical one and it concerns Swedish club's trainer, Antonio Duran.

As you might expect from his name, Duran is not Swedish born. In fact he comes from Spain and was a player for several First Division clubs. For the past 20 years he has been living in Sweden — so a prolonged holiday in the old country was on the cards!

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Denmark have appointed a new trainer for their national team.

He is Kurt Nielsen a 51-year-old former professional footballer who has been in charge of B1901 Nykobing in recent years. He succeeds the Austrian born Rudi Strittich and will take over his duties with effect from January 1976.

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Blagoje Vidinic, the Yugoslavian international goalkeeper of yesteryear who has been coach of two different national teams in the World Cup has made a new move.

Rybnik reserves reach Polish FA Cup Final

He has been given the job of national team coach to Colombia and stands poised for a unique treble. In 1970 he led Morocco to the finals in Mexico and in 1974 was in charge of Zaire when they reached the World Cup in West Germany.

Since the South Americans will have extra places in the 1978 World Cup finals it is not beyond the realms of possibility that he will complete his hat-trick.

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A name from the past is Kunishige Kamamoto the Japanese striker who hit the headlines in the 1968 Olympics in Tokyo. But Kamamoto is very much alive and still scoring goals.

Last October he scored his 100th goal and recently set up a new record for individual scoring in a season with his 17th goal. The previous record was 16 goals in 1970 — by himself!

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The assistant manager of Portsmouth is Willie Hunter, a former Motherwell player and a fellow Scot like his boss Ian St John.

In fact St John was previously in charge of Motherwell himself.

Hunter has been in South Africa coaching for the past three years. He renewed acquaintance of the playing side recently in a charity match playing in the same team as St John and Jimmy Dickinson the Portsmouth secretary who holds the Football league record of 764 appearances.

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The game has come a long way in Venezuela since 1957 when the runners-up in the championship La Salle had to sell their own grandstand for £32,000 in order to keep solvent.

Perhaps losing their most prized possession proved disastrous for La Salle because they have not figured in the top two since then. Last season the champions were Deportivo Galicia and Portuguesa came second.

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Scottish fans will be pleased by some statistics from the last World Cup finals which have proved that David Harvey had the best goalkeeping record in the competition.

He returned the best figures in his three matches in which he conceded only one goal. This worked out at .22 of a goal per hour of performance.

Second in the table came the Dutch goalkeeper Jan Jongbloed who in seven games let in three goals at the rate of .28 per hour. Bottom of the list came the unfortunate Tubilandu of Zaire who only appeared for 65 minutes and let in six goals!

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Brazil's new trainer Osvaldo Brandao (59) had his first get-together of potential players when he had representative teams from Sao Paulo and Rio playing each other at the Maracana Stadium in Rio.

A crowd of 70,000 turned up to see the game end in a 1-1 draw but it was decided to have a penalty competition at the end the Rio side finally won 4-1.

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Somewhat surprisingly perhaps Elias Figueroa has been elected as South American Footballer of the Year. The Chilean centre half who plays in Brazil for Internacional Porto Alegre was outstanding for his team in the 1974 World Cup and finished top of the poll with 39 points.

Runner up was Francisco Marinho the Brazilian left back of Botafofo with 24 points and third was Carlos Babington now playing in the German Second Division and a midfield star from Argentina in the world series last year. Babington was two points behind Marinho.

Marinho is trying to get fixed up for next season in Germany, too, with FC Schalke 04 in the Bundesliga.

Figuperoa is a colourful figure, however, having played in Uruguay with Penarol before moving to Brazil.

Placed fourth was Luis Pereira the negro centre back of Brazil and guess who finished fifth? None other than the now retired Pele!

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The Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris is having turf trouble and has been closed for a time.

The entire arena has been shut down because of the fragile condition of the Dutch turf. Paris St Germain the club who use it as their home ground have had to go to the crumbling Colombes Stadium to play their games and are complaining that it is costing them a lot of money.

SECRET BBC POLL

FANS VOTE COLEMAN FLOP OF THE DAY

By PETER OAKES

FANS vote Coleman flop of the day," exclaimed a headline in the *Sunday People*. Peter Oakes, their television columnist, had got hold of an unpublished BBC document containing the findings of one of their own audience research surveys which had been sent to the General Advisory Council.

The survey was held among television viewers of the 1974 World Cup finals. And the results are an embarrassment to David Coleman, hailed by the BBC as the world's top TV commentator.

Peter Oakes revealed that the survey put Coleman behind Barry Davies and John Motson in terms of popularity with the BBC viewers. The survey says: "Of the World Cup commentators Barry Davies was by far the most favourably received by both the football enthusiasts and those only moderately interested. John Moston came second with David Coleman third among the football fans."

The 48-year-old Coleman did manage to sneak ahead of Motson in a poll of non-soccer fans who watched the matches. Coleman is reputed to be paid £40,000 per year by the BBC as a sports commentator. He only recently returned to the football scene after a long break since the World Cup, and immediately took over as no.1 with the BBC. But it seems that the fans, and in theory those who pay Coleman's wages through their licence fees, would prefer to see Barry Davies handle the big games.

The survey also came up with some other interesting statistics. If the fans have their way, the days of the television panels are certainly numbered. Of those classified as "very interested" in soccer, 34% thought the panels were boring, 54% thought them repetitive and 37% superfluous. Of those "moderately interested" 55% said boring 52% superfluous and 60% repetitive. Of those "not interested" 80% said boring, 82% repetitive, 82% superfluous, 3% worthwhile and 77% irrational.

The general feeling among a third of the viewers was that there was much too much talk by the commentators. Less chat was their cry.

The survey also revealed that "Match of the Day" screened by the BBC on Saturday evenings has an average audience of 8½ million, ranging from a low of 4 million to a high of 12 million. Compare this with the BBC2 programme Rugby Special which, in 1973, averaged only 500,000 and had never reached one million. Yet the BBC are reputed to have paid a £40,000 fee for the screening of one rugby international. Even "Pot Black", the snooker programme, attracts ¾ million viewers.

Abuses

THERE have been appalling abuses of the disciplinary system in the past to enable players to take part in important matches. I am letting it be known that we (Arsenal) are against bending the system."

So said Arsenal Chairman Denis Hill-Wood after refusing to back the appeals of Alan Ball and Bob McNab, both of whom were sent off playing at Derby. And I for one applaud the action of the Arsenal board who have taken a stand that other clubs would do well to follow.

Clubs do abuse the system to alarming degrees. How many appeals are genuine and how many are arranged to give clubs the chance of manipulating the matches their players miss through suspension? It would be wrong and undemocratic to take away the right of appeal. But except in extreme cases I would prefer players to accept the decisions of referees without all the fuss and bother they create at present.

Some will accuse Arsenal of letting their players down. Alan Ball, in a typical outburst, said that relations between him and the club will never be the same again. A club should be a family, he states, and should stick together.

I prefer to think that Arsenal are more interested in upholding the principles of the game. Actions like this, and those of Leeds United manager Jimmy Armfield, who fined one of his own players, Gordon McQueen, after a booking, also at Derby, will do much to help restore the tarnished image of soccer.

Ball and McNab, however, decided to appeal on their own, which enabled Ball to be free to play for England against West Germany.

Congratulations

WARM congratulations to Colin Todd of Derby County, who won the Professional Footballers' award of Player of the Year this month. This magazine, you will recall, has for long expostulated the qualities of Todd, one of the few (perhaps the only) world-class player in England.

It is a sad reflection of our national team that, to date, Todd has won less than a dozen full caps. I know that he blotted his copybook with Sir Alf Ramsey at one stage by refusing to go on tour with the Under 23 squad but his subsequent ban from international football was harsh.

I still maintain that Todd should have been an established figure in the England team years ago. Sir Alf was reluctant to give him a real chance. Surely it would have been worthwhile for Todd to have gained his international initiation alongside Bobby Moore, from whom he could have learned much.

Todd has all the qualities of Moore, plus other attributes like genuine pace which hallmark him as a great player. Yet even Don Revie left out Todd against Portugal preferring Norman Hunter. But from the moment Todd came on as a substitute he amply illustrated the folly of Revie's decision.

How strange it is in this country that while more and more players are getting their league baptism at a young age—17-year-olds are almost commonplace now—so few get an early chance at a national level. Moore, Bobby Charlton and Billy Wright all topped a hundred caps but their international careers spanned over 12 years. It is a pity Colin Todd cannot think in terms of a 12 year reign with England.

"Young Player of the Year" Mervyn Day (West Ham), "Players' Player" Colin Todd (Derby County) and a special award for Denis Law at the PFA Dinner in London.

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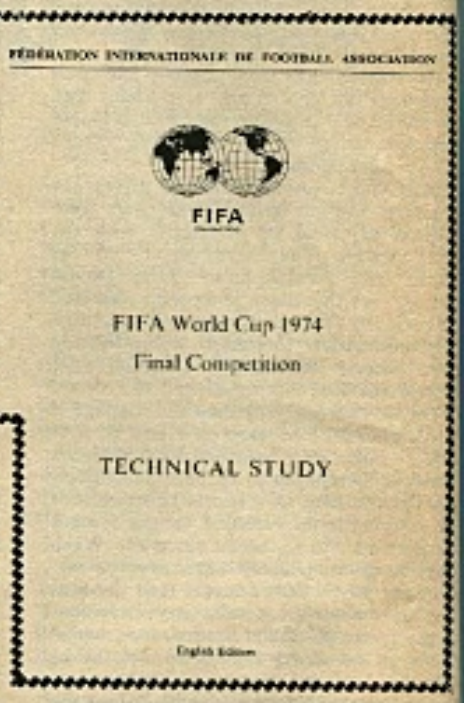
SPECIAL REPORT by ERIC BATTY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TECHNICAL STUDY

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ONE OF the problems most frequently mentioned by people within the game—players, coaches and managers—is that obvious lack of uniformity between referees. In many cases the complainants refer to different attitudes with regard to dissent some turning a deaf ear to bad language. Other officials, in my view too concerned with maintaining their dignity, frequently caution and send off players for using bad language.

There are inevitably areas in which referees from different continents do not find common ground, and this poses a problem that can only be solved by FIFA, who should be encouraged in their efforts to give prospective World Cup referees matches in continents other than their own as part of their World Cup preparation.

What is more surprising is that referees within one country can vary a great deal in where they place the emphasis.

No one can condone swearing at referees or linesmen. But in a fast, exacting game like football, which at the top level is very much like the army in being almost exclusively an all-male affair, bad language is the rule rather than the exception. Intelligent referees will, as they always have, make allowances for this and unless foul language is heard by the spectators, thus bringing the game into disrepute, the better referees concentrate on foul play rather than pettiness.

Officials

For the last World Cup, FIFA made a big effort to achieve uniformity amongst its chosen officials and after holding a conference between the FIFA committee responsible and the referees, published a precis of decisions taken which was circulated to all teams taking part in the final

It came to my notice when reading a copy of the booklet published by FIFA entitled —*Technical Study*, 1974 *FIFA WORLD CUP*. This is obtainable in English, French, Spanish and German from FIFA for 15 Swiss Francs (including postage). The Section that interested me most was that concerning the referees. On page 22 it states:

Precis of Referees Conference and Resolutions.

The following matters were discussed and all the referees agreed unanimously. All decisions are in accordance with the Laws of the game. This precis is issued only as a guide to team coaches and may not be quoted as an authority; the decision in many cases is a matter of the referee's opinion, and this opinion is formed only at the time of the incident. Team coaches are requested to bring the matters listed to the attention of their players.

Before going into the decisions in detail I must emphasise that I cannot see the justification for claiming that . . . **All decisions are in accordance with the Laws of the game.** I wish they were, but they are not.

There are two interesting points under tackling. (c) Sliding tackle . . . This is permissible, but if the ball is not played and the opponent is tripped, the punishment will be a direct free kick.

(d) Tackle from behind. If the ball is played without the first player touching his opponent's legs, this is allowed. If a player is tripped by an opponent attempting to play the ball from behind, a direct free kick will be awarded.

Highlights

There is a big discrepancy between the advice given out to the participants in the 1974 World Cup and the Laws of the game as they stand. But to make my personal position clear, I am 100% with the FIFA Referees Committee and their chosen officials. The discrepancy highlights a point that I have campaigned for over many years, revolving around the word *intentional* or *intentionally* used persistently in the Laws of the game.

In the Laws of the game, Law XII deals with fouls and misconduct. It begins: A player who intentionally commits any of the following nine offences: . . . and goes on to list kicking an opponent, tripping, jumping at, charging, striking, holding, pushing and handling the ball.

The emphasis in this law is on the word intentionally, and repeatedly, I see referees who decline to award free kicks or penalties because IN THEIR OPINION, the offence was not committed *intentionally*.

FIFA's 1974 Referees Committee and their officials omitted the word intentionally from their advice to players and thus simplified matters. During the World Cup referees did not have to decide whether a player was tripped intentionally but only if he was tripped. This applied equally with regard to sliding tackles and tackling from behind. The crux of the 1974 precis was therefore on the effect and set aside intent.

In a sliding tackle or in a tackle from behind, the challenging player commits no offence if he goes for the ball and gets it. But he is guilty of an offence (a foul) if using a sliding tackle for example, but being a fraction late he misses the ball and gets the man. Tackling from behind was simplified in the same way. The question the referee had to decide was, did the defender get the ball or did he get the man?

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I make no apologies by publicising this difference of opinion between the FIFA Referees Committee and the International Board. Clearly they disagree and I am very firmly with the people responsible for publishing and circulating the advice to players in the World Cup, if their intention was to overcome the vagueness that creeps in with the word intentionally for the World Cup. And if it was hoped to provoke hostilities later and spur the International Board into action then I applaud them.

Earlier in the Technical Study, an unnamed coach was quoted as saying: "Somewhere, there seems to be a gap between the "old rules" and the modern game." With experienced, courageous and forthright referees this gap does not exist. It is the poor referee, promoted beyond his level who uses the excuse that the offence was accidental—i.e. that the foul was not intentional, that leads to the major disagreements. Delete the word intentional and the referee's task is simplified. All he has to do is use his eyes and act.

Offences

Another interesting point applies particularly to the game in Britain and perhaps elsewhere, though being more familiar with the English game I will go no further. Under the section on offences against goalkeepers, the World Cup precis states . . . the following will be penalised:

and under (d) standing in front of him (the goalkeeper) to obstruct him when he is trying to clear the ball.

In England it is standard practice for an opponent to stand immediately in front of the goalkeeper in possession when he is trying to clear the ball, standing slightly to one side and thus inviting the goalkeeper to clear the ball with his weaker foot. According to the World Cup referees instructions this will be penalised by a free kick and presumably if the offender persists then he would ultimately be sent off the field.

Still on goalkeepers there is a few words about the four step rule. Goalkeepers are reminded that though the rule has been broken frequently in the past it will be more strictly applied in future.

Law XII (5) states: When playing as a goalkeeper . . .

(a) takes more than 4 steps whilst holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again without releasing it so that it is played by another player . . . shall be penalised by the award of an indirect free kick.

I don't like this law and, clearly, goalkeepers don't like it either. But the fact remains that in England it is broken in every match with impunity. The goalkeeper is not permitted to take more than 4 steps with the ball without releasing it *so that it is played by another player*. English goalkeepers release the ball, letting it fall to the ground so that it COULD be played by another player and then pick the ball up again and take another four paces.

Advice

The last point that should be of universal interest in the World Cup advice to players reads:

8. Free kicks

(b) Players who in any way delay the taking of a free kick by their opponents will be cautioned (Yellow Card). On repetition, they will be sent from the field (Red Card).

(c) Players who rush forward from the 'wall' before the ball is kicked will be cautioned the first time. The second time, a caution will again be given if a different player is involved.

This is one of the biggest problems facing referees for the team taking the free kick, direct or indirect, should have the advantage of ten yards or 9.15 metres. Defensive walls are erected sometimes as close as six yards from my observation and it is difficult to get them back to the ten yard mark.

Distances

If the referee paces out the distance, pushing the wall back as I have seen, as soon as he blows his whistle, the 'wall' starts to move, the players shuffling their feet very, very slightly and edging forward again.

Other defending players who are not in the wall have the task of rushing forward trying to block a shot, and after one player has been cautioned it is common professional practice to cover him by putting him in the wall and leaving another, so far uncautioned player in the loose to rush forward, thereby achieving the desired objective but not having a player sent off for doing it twice.

I have two thoughts that come readily to mind. The player taking the kick should have the option of taking the kick quickly, i.e. before the defenders are ready. If the referee gave the signal immediately the ball was on the right spot then that option could be exercised . . . perhaps while the goalkeeper was out of position, supervising the building of the 'wall'.

Secondly, the referee should not stand immediately in front of the ball as he often does because this deprives the team taking the kick of the 'quick one'. The referee should stand to one side, after seeing the ball is properly placed and find some other means of getting the wall back 10 yards.

This could be done by making it clear that the captain is responsible for getting his team ten yards away and if they don't do it immediately then the captain would be sent off. After he has gone the referee would nominate another player to accept this responsibility for other kicks, and so on.

Another suggestion worth considering came in conversation with Editor Philip Rising. His suggestion is borrowed from Rugby, where apparently, if the players do not immediately get back the prescribed distance from the ball at dead ball kicks the referee has the authority to order the kick to be taken ten yards closer to goal.

WAS THIS THE START?

THE cradle of soccer was a small Yugoslav seaside town and not England, according to an amateur archaeologist, Professor Josip Brituic. The Belgrade evening newspaper *Vecernje Novosti* reported that Professor Brituic had collected irrefutable proof that soccer was played almost 20 centuries ago in the small Dalmatian town of Sinj.

He has prepared a book on his discoveries which, he claims, are based on purely scientific facts. *Vecernje Novosti* said one of the most important finds was a relief in Sinj which dates back to 17 A.D. and shows a football player.

World Soccer's roving reporter...

BAD YEAR ALL PRO

ONE of the most exciting sights of the 1970 World Cup in Mexico was to see Peru's short and stocky sweeper moving up into attack and firing cannon-like shots at goal.

Mexico established Hector Chumpitaz as one of the world's great stars and since then the gifted and intelligent sweeper has hardly looked back. He has twice captained South American selections against Europe, is still captain and undisputed choice for his country and is currently leading his club, Universitario, to yet another championship.

At 32 Chumpitaz should be approaching the veteran stage, but Peruvian journalists say the popular sweeper is having one of his finest seasons ever. And his club have nothing but praise for him. "A great player and an absolutely model professional", a club director told *World Soccer*.

World Soccer recently interviewed Hector Chumpitaz to find out something about the player and his views on the game.

Q. First of all could you tell us briefly about your career?

A. Yes. I became a professional with Deportivo Municipal in 1964 and one year later I was picked for the national side for the World Cup qualifying matches. Unfortunately, we were beaten by Uruguay and didn't get the chance to go to England. In 1966 I was transferred to Universitario and have been with the club every since, becoming both club and national captain in 1969.

Q. How many times have you played for Peru?

A. About 60, I think.

Q. At 32 you could perhaps be considered a veteran. How long will you continue playing?

A. As long as I can run! No, seriously, I don't want to carry on when I decline as a player.

Q. Many of your compatriots—Cubillas, Sotil, Muñante etc—have left Peru to further their careers abroad. Do you regret having stayed in Peru?

A. In some ways, yes. But Universitario declared me unavailable for transfer some time ago so I've never had the opportunity to earn the "big money" abroad. If I wanted to leave, I'd have to run away!

Q. There have been rumours that a Chilean club is interested in buying you...

A. Well nobody's spoken to me about that so I don't know how much truth there is in it.

Q. On the field you score many goals by coming through from defence to shoot hard at goal. Is your shooting power a natural gift or is it something you've worked at?

A. Well, obviously I practice my shooting, but basically it's a natural gift.

Q. Universitario are playing in the Copa Libertadores again this year. How do you rate your chances?

A. We have a good chance of qualifying for the semi-finals. We have a lot of experience—I've played in 5 Copa Libertadores myself—and have a good nucleus of a team. With the signings being made we should have a very good side.

Q. Peru seems to have declined since its fantastic performances in the 1970 World Cup. Is there any particular reason for this?

Replacements

A. There are various reasons really. We had a lot of injuries, a lot of our best players went abroad and there haven't been enough young players coming through as replacements.

Q. Do you think last year's World Cup finals in West Germany indicate that South American football is in decline?

A. Yes. I think our football is declining a bit. But more important, football in Europe has improved, particularly in Holland and Poland. I think with better physical preparation—combined with our superior ball control—South American football will soon improve again.

Q. Who has had the most influence on you as a player?

A. Didi. (Brazilian trainer who managed Peru for the 1970 World Cup). He had a great influence on the whole team and he really taught me a lot about shooting.

Q. What are your most memorable moments as a player?

A. The game I remember best was in 1969 when we drew 2-2 in Argentina to qualify for Mexico. But for me, the greatest honour was to captain South America against Europe. It was a tremendous privilege to captain such a brilliant collection of players.

IT'S BEEN a bad year for Peruvian football, so bad that March 1975 arrived before the 1974 season had even finished! Just about everything that could possibly have gone wrong has gone wrong in Peru this season.

At one stage of the season Peruvian airlines refused to continue flying professional clubs until debts to the airlines amounting to some £150,000 were paid. The championship was delayed while the problem was sorted out.

Then came internal political difficulties. Riots in Lima in February left 86 people dead and, with the country in a state of some agitation, all sport was cancelled until calm had returned.

But these delays were not the main problem facing Peruvian soccer, which was quite clearly the dramatic drop in attendances for league matches.

There were many reasons for this sudden decline in interest—Peru's failure to qualify for last year's World Cup finals being one obvious factor. The strange decision to extend the league to 22 clubs, many of them in small provincial towns with little potential support, was another.

But the most punishing blow of all was administered by the Peruvian military government which ordered the media to reduce coverage of professional sport and encourage amateur sport instead.

Provinces

If anyone should ever doubt that the media has a profound effect on soccer attendances then Peru should serve to persuade him to the contrary. Following the government order crowds at Lima matches fell from an average 20-30,000 down to about 10,000. In the provinces the situation was even worse where frequently just a few hundred people turned up to the local soccer stadium.

Fortunately, the Peruvian government had no intention of killing off professional soccer—the aim was to encourage more participation in sports among the public—and quickly reversed its order to the press when it realised how serious the situation was.

The government has now given a further boost to the game by announcing that a

PAUL RADFORD from la Paz, Peru

FOR CLUBS

Hector Chumpitaz

15% tax on league gates will be removed—a financial measure much needed by Peru's professional clubs, nearly all of which are struggling.

A decision to reduce the number of clubs in the league for the forthcoming season should also contribute to improving the state of the game.

Nevertheless, football in Peru is labouring under severe difficulties. Clubs in financial trouble have been forced to sell their best players abroad and hardly any of the country's top stars now play in Peru.

Brink

Champions Universitario alone sold four internationals during the season—Munante, Carbonell and Salinas to Mexico and Rojas to Argentina, while Boca Juniors are reported to be on the brink of signing Barbadillo and Bailetti from Defensor Lima and La Fuente from Deportivo Municipal. With Cubillas, Sotil and Baylon already playing in Europe and Mifflin in Brazil the drain on Peru's top players is becoming catastrophic.

The only salvation for Peruvian soccer this season has been the rags-to-riches story of little Union Huaral—a small club from a tiny provincial town, playing its first season in the Peruvian league.

Championship suspended and a sudden decline in attendances...

Unfashionable Huaral shocked everyone by moving into a five point lead at one stage of the season, but were gradually overhauled by the power of Universitario.

At the end of the regular league season Huaral were only three points behind Universitario, but six points ahead of third-placed Defensor Lima.

Huaral still had hopes of the title because the six leading teams had to enter a "liguilla" in which they played each other once, the points gained being added to the points accumulated during the regular season.

But it didn't turn out quite right for the Cinderella side and in the opening game of the "liguilla", Union Huaral lost 1-0 to Universitario, virtually assuring "U" of the title. Huaral's compensation was a place in the Copa Libertadores as Peruvian league runner-up.

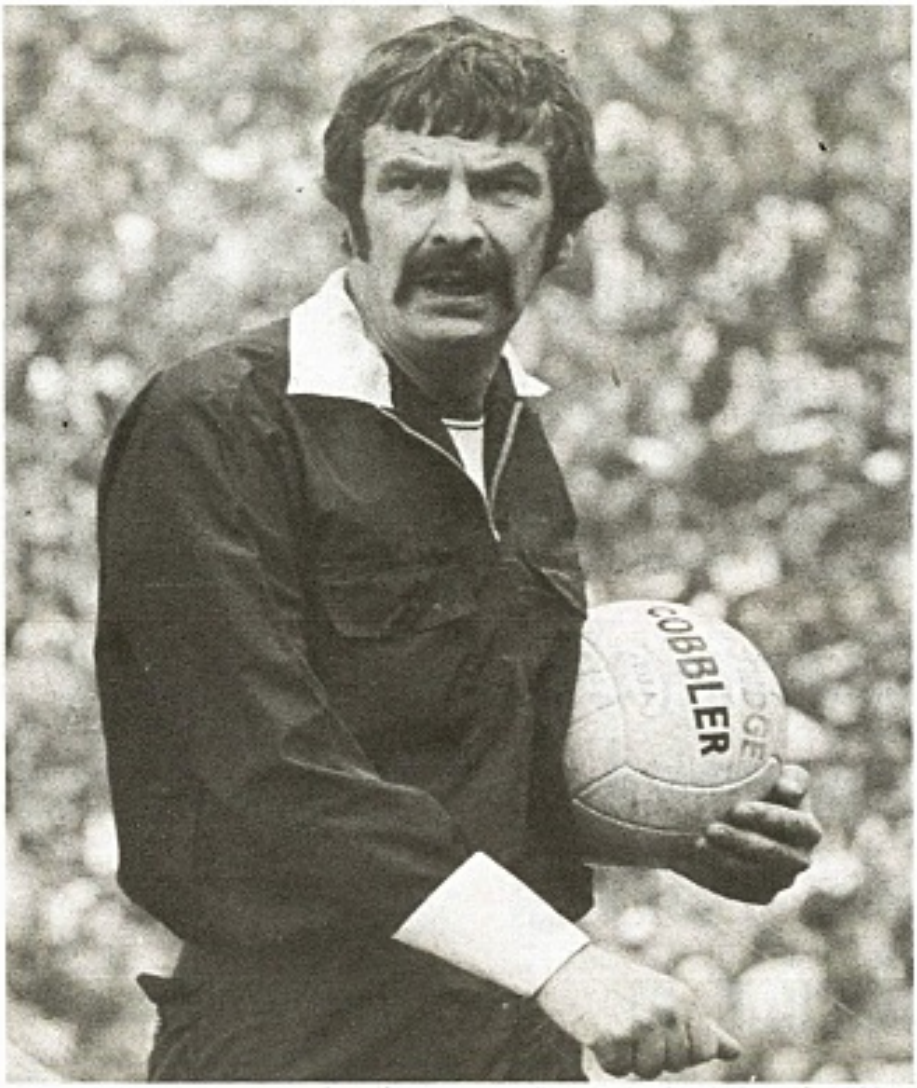
Huaral's amazing success is largely attributed to 28-year-old Pedrito Ruiz, a midfield player who has been around for some years with Defensor Lima and Juan Aurich, but who has never shown more than promise. Ruiz suddenly blossomed this year with Huaral, his home town club, and is widely considered to be the best player in Peru at the moment.

Squad

He receives able support from three Huaral youngsters who could all make the national squad in the near future—midfield man Estrada, goalkeeper, Acazuzo, and centre-forward Chirinos. Chirinos' 25 league goals put him third in the goal-scorers table behind Pablo Muchotrigo of Cienciano who netted 32 times and "Cachito" Ramirez of Universitario who scored 26. Muchotrigo is likely to appear in Alianza Lima's colours next season.

But if Huaral have been the talking-point of the season, Universitario have done their best to draw attention. At the time of writing "U" has gone a record 35 league games without defeat, a record which makes the club worthy league champions for 1974. And with Hector Chumpitaz playing better than ever and new signings goalkeeper, Ottorino Sartor, and Midfield player, Enrique Rojas, "U" looks too powerful for any other club to get much of a look-in during the 1975 campaign.

Universitario centre-forward Orelon scores the equaliser against Atletico Chalaco. The match ended 2-2.



Top referee Gordon Hill, highly respected by English players, retired this month and is taking up an appointment in the USA.

BRIAN GLANVILLE

supports the "super-booking" proposal put forward after a recent match

I AM all for Gordon Hill's proposal for a so called "super-booking," provided some equivalent can be found for the international field. Hill's suggestion is that when a player has committed, in one match, two "bookable" fouls, neither grave enough to warrant sending off, he should be booked again, but given a six point penalty; two more than the present maximum a caution carries. As things stand, a player who, having once been cautioned, incurs a second booking in the same game, or rather, commits a second bookable offence, must be automatically sent off.

When I read this my own mind — automatically — flew back to a sunny afternoon in West Berlin last June. West Germany were playing Chile, and not doing too well until Carlos Caszely, the best Chilean attacker, was sent off. He had already been booked — or, in World Cup fashion, had the yellow card flourished in his face — when Berti Vogts fouled him and brought him down. He lost his temper, lunged back at him, and was instantly shown the red card; meaning expulsion.

I felt it dreadfully unfair on Caszely and on Chile, though it may be argued that she should have controlled his temper, that he should not have got himself booked in the first instance. I also blamed the referee; though again it could be argued that he was only going by the regulations; that once having shown Caszely the yellow card for a bookable offence, he had no option but to send him off when, in his view, he was guilty of another.

This to me, however, begged the question of the referee's discretion. Should he not have taken into account the circumstances of the second offence? In my view he most certainly should, and in my view they were mitigating circumstances. Caszely, that is to say, was considerably provoked, and the referee should have asked himself whether, in the circumstances, it was right and fair to send him off. I do not think it was.

The referee's discretion. This, alas, is where the only disciplinary thing breaks down, where objectivity flies out of the window, and punishment becomes a matter of hazard. Where one referee sees a bookable offence, another sees an offence worthy of expulsion, and a third may see one meriting only a free kick.

The Football League tried hard enough a few seasons ago, it is true, when they tried to codify and simplify it all, giving referees highly specific instructions on how they must deal with almost every infringement. It worked for a time; and in a way. That is to say, it resulted instantly in a hail of bookings for what had previously been considered, in the past, mere minor offences. Gradually the referees reverted to type; where, by and large, they have stayed.

I am reminded of last February's Cup replay between Wimbledon and Leeds United at Crystal Palace, when the Champions made such pitifully heavy weather of dispatching their non-League opponents.

Offence

At one point in the first half, Yorath flew through the air in a dreadful tackle from behind on Roger Connell, which left the big centre-forward writhing on the ground. If ever an offence demanded sending off, this was surely it, but the referee, who had an inept night, it is true, did not even caution Yorath; even if his name was later to go into the book. Yet technically a player can be sent off for twice showing over emphatic dissent from a referee's decision.

If one may return to the question of the referee's discretion, I would suggest that the present system of automatic expulsion does not grant him enough. He should be entitled to decide whether a second bookable offence really deserves to get its perpetrator sent off or not. If not, then he should have a more honest alternative than merely to pretend that it is not worth cautioning. The "super booking" is one way round the quandary; another might be simply to regard each booking in the normal light of events, and categorise each separately and accordingly.

Talking of expulsions, and their consequences, it was sad to reflect, on that evening at Selhurst, that the best of the Leeds forward, Duncan McKenzie, would not be playing in the European Cup quarter-finals; having got himself sent

Well said Mr. Hill, the referee...

off in Burapest, playing against Ujpest. It was, as he remarked, thoroughly unlike him.

It is also true that he reacted to appalling provocation, being painfully fouled three times. Ujpest's defenders were nasty, cynical and provocative; McKenzie was unused to the spiteful wiles of European defenders. I told him he should take a lesson from Francis Lee, his great admirer, who, often ill used himself in European competition, was perfectly capable of wreaking vengeance; in his own, chosen time, and without any sequel. Vigilante law, perhaps, but thoroughly pardonable in the circumstances. There is just so much that a forward can stand.

That McKenzie did not find a place in Don Revie's England 29 was not only ludicrous, but led me to worry and wonder about Revie's intentions. He has told us a great deal about how he means to encourage gifted players, playing adventurous football. Then, when the chips are down, the cards are on the table, he cannot find room for the most effective, adventurous and enterprising new forward the First Division has thrown up this season.

Explain

To explain, rather than excuse, this on the ground that McKenzie was one for the future was simply bizarre. McKenzie is not 19 years old but 24, and if he is not among the best 29 in the country now, there is reason for believing he will never be.

I admire David Johnson, the Ipswich Town and former Everton centre-forward who did get a place. He is fast and strong, excellent in the air, and no mean ball player; but I would submit that McKenzie has done just as much as he this season, that Johnson, in the Under-23 match against the Czechs, was no great revelation, and that in any case there should be room for both of them.

I am also quite prepared to concede that there is no certainty McKenzie would succeed at international level, where you can never tell until, so to speak, you get there. That McKenzie, in the present impoverished state of our football, is worth a chance can hardly be disputed. Revie, after all, is building for the 1978 World Cup.

Will it be played in Argentina? Despite the fervent promises of the 17 man delegation which came to Zurich from that country last February, I remain unsure. I should, myself, like to see it played in Argentina. Despite the horrid excesses of their club teams over the last decade, the exaggerations of their international team in the 1966 World Cup, there is no question of the country's standing in international football.

It has provided the game with very much more than its fair share of great players; Orsi, Di Stefano, Sivori, Moreno. I am prepared to accept that there is a good chance of Argentina getting the stadia and the telecommunications right.

Whether, by 1978, the security of the country will be such as to allow the peaceful playing of the World Cup is altogether another matter; and one that defies prediction. We could yet see a situation in which, even if their countries decide to take part, major European players withdraw of their own volition, or under the pressure of their clubs.

Duncan McKenzie of Leeds United holds off a challenge by Geoff Bryant of Wimbledon.

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... and World Cup w

by KEIF

KICKING a man when he's down is a pretty popular pastime in soccer — and it is one carried on at the highest levels, too.

The best example recently has been the attack on 29-year-old Franz Beckenbauer launched by his former Bayern and West German World Cup colleague, Paul Breitner, almost exactly six years his junior.

Well, all right, so Bayern — never out of the final top five in the past seven years — are at the time of writing 14th in the 18-club table with 17 points from 20 games, only a handful from the relegation zone. They've been knocked out of the Cup, too, and Beckenbauer, with two own goals in successive games hasn't exactly been looking much of a star.

But it was hardly fitting for Breitner to come out with this condemnation:

"Beckenbauer lies when he says that it was Udo Lattek who destroyed the team. In fact, 90 per cent of the players were behind the trainer. He didn't create all the different factions and the intrigue. "Around Beckenbauer there is a clique of officials — Robert Schwan (Bayern's general manager and, incredibly, Beckenbauer's agent) and others — who did all they could to force Lattek out. Not just since the start of the season but for a long time past.

"The team is broken, finished. And why? Not because it played 105 matches last season or because the players were worn out by the World Cup Finals; but because of the intrigues and the scheming of the Kaiser, and all the internal battles which followed.

"Beckenbauer won't stand for anyone of equal stature or fame alongside him. He's the strongest man in the team, but he's had his day. It's a pity for Beckenbauer, and it's a pity for a great club."

It might be pointed out that Breitner's outburst followed a visit he had received in Madrid from Udo Lattek, the man who claimed to have discovered Breitner (although talent like that would have been unearthed anyway at some stage).

Beckenbauer was instrumental in the appointment of Dettmar Cramer as new coach after Lattek's abrupt departure at the start of January, but Breitner's attack made him furious. The famous cool vanished as he threatened to take court action against the Real Madrid star.

Relieved

A drawn-out legal wrangle would hardly have done Beckenbauer's image much good of course and he was probably more relieved than anyone when Breitner — at his wife's instigation, I understand — telephoned Munich to admit to the West German skipper that: "I'm afraid I did go too far, but then my words were exaggerated and blown up out of proportion. Let's not quarrel."

Perhaps Breitner will learn a little diplomacy from that incident — and from another which I will relate a little further on.

Beckenbauer's role both in the Bayern and West German teams has always been a strong one in that he hasn't been content to be captain merely on the field and his influence with the Bayern board was clear in even the traditional pre-appointment denial which Cramer made: "No, I have had no contact with Bayern, official or unofficial. All I know about what is happening is what Franz has told me."

Friendship with Beckenbauer—and this one dates right back to the West German youth teams—seems pretty official to me.

Cramer had never managed a *Bundesliga* team, except for the 24 hours he spent with Hertha Berlin before the start of the season and before he sold out to take over in the United States.

That made it all the more ironic that one of the former FIFA coach's first matches with Bayern should have been against Hertha. A crowd of 80,000 packed the West Berlin Olympic stadium to give Cramer a jeering reception and their scorn for Bayern increased after only nine minutes when Beckenbauer—suffering from 'flu but that's no real excuse—neatly headed a shot from 30-year-old Erwin Hermandung back past Sepp Maier.

(The previous week when Bayern threw away a 2-0 lead to go down 3-2 at home to Offenbach Kickers, it was the luckless Beckenbauer who had equalised for the visitors).

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, a very promising 19-year-old from Borussia Lippstadt deputising for the long-injured Uli Hoeness, pulled back an equaliser three minutes later but Erich Beer, Wolfgang Sidka and Beer again gave Hertha a 4-1 win to celebrate. It could even have been 5-1, but former Eintracht Frankfurt stopper Uwe Kliemann, at around £200,000 the costliest *Bundesliga* transfer, missed a penalty with two minutes to go.

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When Lattek had first announced his impending departure Bayern president Wilhelm Neudecker made great play of the club's intention to buckle down and make sure that whatever happened in the Champions' Cup, they would qualify for at least one of next season's European competitions by right from the *Bundesliga*.

That West Berlin defeat put the league finally out of reach, even for the superoptimists, and made a place in the UEFA Cup look pretty unlikely as well. So, leaving aside the Champions' Cup still, that left Bayern with the West German Cup . . . but not for long.

The following week MSV Duisburg came to Munich and within an hour were 3-0 ahead with goals by Klaus Bruckmann, Klaus Thies and Werner Schneider. Bjoern Andersson and Franz Roth, from a penalty, gave Bayern some hope, but at the final whistle it was 3-2 to Duisburg and another Neudecker dream had been shattered.

The crowd? — A mere 15,000 — another dig in the ribs which prompted Bayern to a drastic cut in prices for home matches. Seats which were selling for £7 last year are now down to £2.

Yet Senor Breitner's criticisms have not been confined merely to the club which let him because they thought it was his way-out socialist views which were the disturbing influence. He took advantage of Madrid's trip to West Germany for a couple of friendlies to watch Frankfurt in action and was scathing about World Cup colleague Jürgen Grabowski, Frankfurt's captain.

Admittedly Breitner did not see Frankfurt on a good day, they went down 3-0 to Borussia Moenchengladbach, who eased up considerably in the second half after early goals by Christian Kulik, Alan Simonsen and Jupp Heynckes. But it was certainly not the Frankfurt who had earlier looked a good bet for the title and a first reappearance in the Champions' Cup since Hampden 1960 and all that.

Grabowski and Heynckes, World Cup squad colleagues, were both booked in the second half and Breitner was scathing about the 30-year-old winger-cum-midfield-man's contribution to the game.

Example

"Quite a number of Eintracht men didn't try. Jürgen Grabowski, for example, did so little he couldn't have needed a shower at the end."

Not much of an example to set the rest of the team, he thought.

Grabowski, in turn, was not much impressed with Breitner.

"Paul's really going too far," he said. "I always used to think that he was a fair and sensible fellow. Now he seems to think he can sound off as if he knows all there is to know about soccer. Even a 23-year-old can learn about the game and, you know, boomerangs have a habit of coming back. At least I can thank Paul for one thing: He's reminded me that it's not always wise to trust your colleagues."

At least one West German international, however, had a kind word to spare at the end of the game: Günter Netzer.

Franz Beckenbauer

What did he think of his former club, Moenchendbach? "Fabulous."

And so perhaps they will earn another chance to test their European prowess in the Champions' Cup next season. Certainly Bayern can't stand in their way of the title this time.

As Dettmar Cramer said, in between struggling to overcome injuries to Hoeness, Roth, Rainer Zobel, Bernd Dürnberger and Jupp Kapellmann: "There's a great deal more to put right than I knew—or ever expected."

And that was before Paul Breitner started rocking the boat.

Jurgen Grabowski

Taylor voices his opinions

World Cup Final referee Jack Taylor, after receiving the OBE at Buckingham Palace.

IT IS hardly a coincidence that Jack Taylor, the World Cup Final referee, has been one of the busiest officials in the game over the past few years. His Munich appointment was fully justified as he proved on the day (writes BRIAN MARSHALL).

Taylor's opinions on soccer refereeing, therefore, are well worth hearing and debating.

He is, for instance, still advocating the introduction of the red and yellow card system in British soccer to eliminate the petulance and ill feeling which exists in the game today.

The Wolverhampton butcher claims that such a system, which was first introduced in of all places the United States because of the language problem, would work at all levels because of its simplicity.

He said: "Everyone would then know what was going on if a player received a yellow card for a booking and a red card when he was being sent off.

"There would be no misunderstanding which currently exists and the flow of the game could be maintained without any arguments.

"The beauty of this system is that no one need say a word and this would often prevent players from using language which results in them being sent off the field for so called dissent.

"Unfortunately, the system has not been adopted in the Football League largely I feel because it was not an English idea.

"But I've seen it and used the system to know that it does work. In extreme cases it reduces trouble in matches.

"I feel sure that if it had been in existence in the 1966 World Cup the Argentina captain, Rattin, would not have been sent off in the match at Wembley.

"At that time Argentina were playing exceptionally well and it is debatable whether England would have won the World Cup if Rattin had stayed on the field. In the situation which developed—because of a breakdown in communication—there was no other alternative but for the player to be sent off by the West German referee."

Taylor, who claims that the game is less violent than when he began refereeing 25 years ago, feels that it is far more difficult for referees because of the attitude of the players at all levels.

There is a lack of discipline and fair play. This is why, according to the Midlander, referees themselves have had to change.

Gamesmanship is proving a big problem and this is due to the tactics being employed by teams in the game and unfortunately copied by lower grade clubs.

Taylor said:

"How many times do you see a player writhing in agony on the ground after a tackle? Most of them are kidding and trying to gain time or break up the pressure on their own team.

"When a player is seriously hurt he does not move. Of course, a referee cannot continue indefinitely when a player is injured. He has to use his own judgement but in most cases they are faking.

"It is this sort of situation which leads to a great deal of trouble. Two or three of the opposing side are telling the referee to send off the player who has clashed with the injured player, while the injured player is saying that he intends to get his own back in no uncertain manner.

"All these cases are part of the gamesmanship being used by teams and this is why the referee often has a very difficult task keeping the game on the move.

"It has reached such a state in one communist country that players are being booked for continually being off-side because it is a deliberate time-wasting offence."

A change which he would welcome is that no off-side decisions should be awarded from free-kicks.

He believes that this would in many cases eliminate the wall and the scenes which develop from these situations.

There would be no time wasting while one or two of the defending side line-up their rearguard because under the proposed new rule there would be far more space for the opposition in which to create an opening for a goal.

Optimistic

This rule, incidentally, is gaining in support in different countries and Taylor is optimistic enough to believe that it could be incorporated in the sport over the next few years.

He believes that the card system and the no off-side rule from free-kicks could go a long way to making the game far more entertaining for both the players and spectators.

Decline of Leicester is sad for football

by Ken Goldman

PERHAPS one of the saddest sights of this season to the eyes of impartial observers is the decline of Leicester City in the League. Last season they were a footballing showpiece side who had three players Shilton, Worthington and Weller capped for England while Whitworth and Rofe were one of the best pair of fullbacks in the division.

Former Leicester goalkeeper Peter Shilton, now with Stoke City.

Shilton of course, is no longer with the club and Weller has been in dispute with his employers but with the signing of Jeff Blockley from Arsenal maybe the corner can be turned and the fight to save relegation won. However, one's thoughts at this stage naturally turn to manager Jimmy Bloomfield who fashioned his side into such an attractive and enjoyable team to watch.

He has the temperament to overcome difficulties philosophically and when I spoke to him a couple of seasons ago he expressed that philosophy to me as follows:

"When things are going well don't think that you know it all and when situations are bad don't get depressed. In other words, in order to keep one's sanity it is necessary to keep on a level keel and live from game to game."

Experiment

As this was such a lively topic I asked whether he would be prepared to take chances in a precarious position and what would happen if it did not work. He replied: "I am prepared to have an open mind and experiment when things are going well or badly. I personally, don't make snap judgments and consider the ultimatep responsibility for the team's performance, mine."

I indicated that I thought that both as a player and as a manager he had always striven to play good football which he endorsed by saying "my feeling is that the knowledge of the game I attained through playing in the top three divisions widened my experience extensively and made me more tolerant of the play of colleagues. I have been influenced too, by Ron Greenwood several times during my playing career, and like him do not believe in violence on the field although I expect my team to play hard but fair.

"If we can play both entertaining and winning football this is the ultimate aim. To this end my priorities for players for my team are stamina, speed and ball control and I consider that every club should always aim for first division status and that applies to every player as well."

Finally I asked about the job of being a manager and what he felt were the attributes, pitfalls and problems. I obtained as usual a forthright answer: "I feel that I always wanted to be a football manager and even during my playing career that was my ambition. When I actually became a manager I was suddenly aware of how much more football is on one's mind than when one is a player.

Benefit

"I therefore find it much harder to relax away from the Club once I have left the ground as one's mind takes over about the game even when one wants it to stop. It was even worse for the first three months of my being player-manager at Orient because with the double role it was doubly difficult.

"I think it is still possible to be a player-manager in the 3rd and 4th Divisions and possibly the second but certainly not in the first. However, it does have one very important benefit which is that it is another good method of introduction to the managers' post. You take up the position on your playing ability and the club's directors are more likely to bear with you during your difficult period of acclimatisation.

Position

"Finally I would say that if someone wants to be a manager they should really try to get a job as manager rather than some other type of position. Only when sitting in the manager's seat do you know how you are going to face up to the responsibility. It is certainly a more lonely job than that of being a player".

Obviously Jimmy Bloomfield is presently walking a lonely road but by his own words we can guess that he will be far from depressed and who would wish him to be with the aims and ideals that he expresses both by word of mouth and by his teams attempts to play cultured football on the field. Certainly if Leicester are relegated this season then football will be the loser.

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RAPID COULD BREAK DUCK

IT IS seven years since SC Rapid last won the Austrian championship and traditionally leaders of the Austrian game their fans are getting a little bit restless. At the break Rapid led by three clear points from Wacker Innsbruck, champions three times between 1970 and 1973 with VOEST Linz the current champions right behind.

First time out in the spring campaign, Rapid took on bottom of the table Linzer ASK without their libero and captain Norbert Hof and also lacking their star centre forward Hans Krankl, both suspended.

The result was a surprise 1-0 win for Linz, the goal scored by 27-year-old coloured centre forward Helmut Kogelberger, who was released by FK Austria last summer because they thought he was finished. This was also Rapid's first defeat at their Hutteldorf ground for two years.

Under the new regime, clubs play home and away in consecutive games and with Hof and Krankl back, all they could manage in Linz was a 1-1 draw, watched by a 16,000 crowd who saw Kogelberger get the vital goal once more. This puts him clear at the top of the scorers list with 11 goals followed by Krankl (Rapid) Horst Missfeld (Admira) and Ove Flindt (Innsbruck) who all have nine.

Clearly Kogelberger is far from finished but Linzer ASK are still stuck firmly at the bottom.

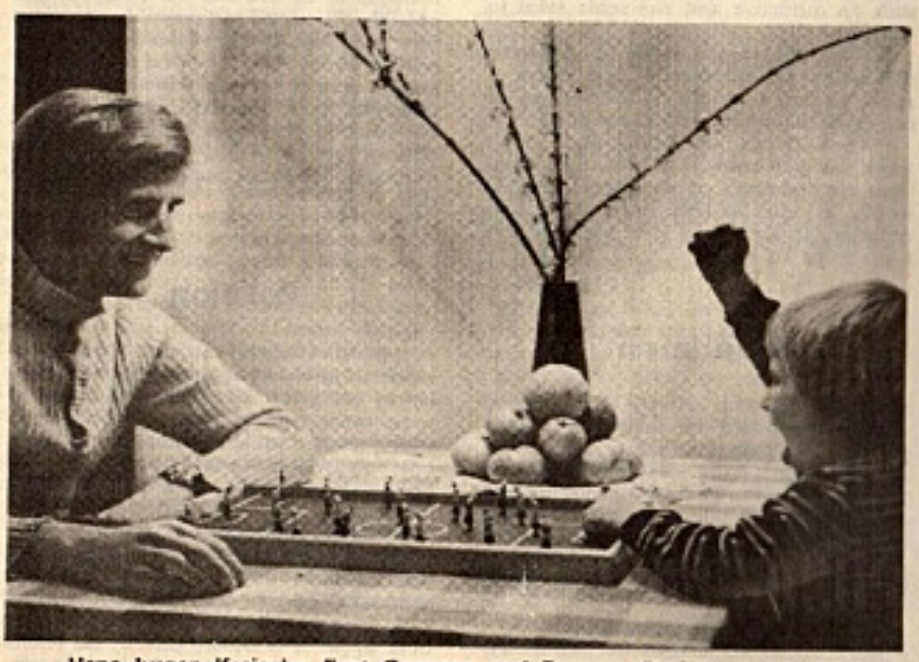
Wacker Innsbruck took full advantage of Rapid's lapse, beating Sturm Durisol Graz, 2-1 at home and 2-0 away, to draw level with Rapid on points. VOEST also moved closer, picking up three points from their two games with Salzbourg.

Another lowly club, Eisenstadt, also staged a recovery, picking up three points from Admira-Wacker, still managed by Ernst Ocwirk.

Promoted

But the biggest news comes from FK Austria. In the doldrums since 1970, Austria appointed former Rapid star Robert Dienst last summer but during the break Josef Argauer came in over his head at technical director.

A year ago, Argauer was T.D. with Wiener Sportklub and quit after demanding that young reserves be promoted. That sparked off a players revolt and the Directors backed the players. Now Argauer is intent on building a new, young team for FK Austria.



Hans-Jurgen Kreische, East Germany and Dynamo Dresden inside left, wasn't fully fit during the World Cup finals. He has since had a knee operation and is still reduced to playing table soccer with his son.

EIGHTEEN months ago Dynamo Dresde had a very promising young team an threatened to dominate the game in the DD for some time. But a string of injuries—an in particular a troublesome knee that ha kept Hans-Jurgen Kreische, their star insid left inactive for much of the last two years— has held them back. In the autumn Kreisch had a second operation on his knee and i still not fit.

Dynamo still pull in the best crowds however, and 28,000 saw the visit of HF Chemie who scored an early goal. Dynam struggled, badly needing a midfield genera but Hans-Jurgen Dorner saved a point wit a second half goal.

Newly promoted Vorwarts Stralsun appear booked for an early return to th Second Class. Away to Rot Weiss Erfur they were hammered by the Weisshaup twins, right winger Hirst scoring twice an centre forward Jorge getting another in 4-0 win. This season Horst leads his brothe with seven goals to six.

Lokomotive Leipzig's 33-year-old Pete Giessner has retired after more than 60 games for the club who are in serious relega tion danger. Henning Frenzel, anothe veteran, is now at centre forward, the bes player in the Oberliga on points awarde for each game by the top football weekly i East Germany.

Injured

At home to Wismut Aue, who ha previously scored only two goals awa from home, Lokomotive lost 1-0 thoug they obtained 18 corners against three an had 28 shots against Wismut's five.

Winter-meister FC Carl Zeiss Jena begar without the injured Peter Ducke away t Sachsenring Zwickau. Harald Irmscher an Everhard Vogel both had poor games an Sachsenring beat them 2-0—the first goa going to 26-year-old Michael Braun (hi first league goal).

On the same day a 22,000 crowd saw FC Karl Marx Stadt entertain FC Magde- burg for whom Jurgen Pommerenke got an early goal. Just after the break Wilfried Gocke headed a rare goal for the home side to draw 1-1 but that was enough to put Magdeburg level with the leaders.

A rare battle is clearly in progress for the title. Magdeburg drew 22,000 to see Pommerenke get a last minute goal to beat Sachsenring 2-1 while Jena at home to Dynamo Berlin had to struggle to win 3-2 with a goal from Helmut Stein two minutes from the end.

BULGARIA — POLAND — YUGOSLAVIA

SLOVAN Bratislava, 1973-74 champions and currently winter leaders still appear to be the best all-round outfit in Czechoslovakia even though they could only draw their first two games after the restart.

At home to Dukla, who have slipped from second last season to the bottom half of the table, Slovan were shaken by an early goal scored for Dukla by their stopper Karel Dvorak.

Slovan and most of the play but with Ivo Viktor in fine form, all they could manage was a second half equaliser by left winger Jan Capcovic. Slovan's next match was a very different affair—away to one of their most consistent challengers VSS Kosice, who, thanks largely to their twin strikers Galis and Strausz had won all their eight games played at home this season, and Slovan went home happy after a goal-less draw.

One of the most improved teams last season were Brno who have continued to make progress. On the day of the resumption, they pulled in the top gate of the day, more than 15,000 who saw Brno beat Slavia 1-0 with a goal from midfield player Vitezslav Kotasek.

Equalised

That win took Brno up from fifth to second and they stayed there after a successful visit to Teplice, another of theleaders. 2-1 up away from home for most of the second half, Brno finally drew 2-2 after Jaroslav Melichar equalised from a late penalty.

The Dukla-Bohemians match in Prague was a derby-derby for Dukla (at home) played on Bohemians ground. Only 8,000 turned out to see unknown Emil Rahak score the only goal from centre forward, Antonin Panenka was switched from centre forward to make way for Rehak and laid on the goal for him.

Sparta are still in the doldrums. Ivan Mraz, who took over last summer has drafted in several of the players he had when he ran the reserves last season. At home to Jablonec, Sparta scrambed a 1-0 win with a second half goal from stopper Oldrich Urban . . . who missed a penalty ten minutes later. Sparta are still one of nine clubs separated by only three points at the wrong end of the table but beat their old enemy Slavia 4-2 in the semi final of the Czech Cup.

ANTE Mladinic, 45 has finally been confirmed as the new national team manager in Yugoslavia despite temporary setbacks, when the autonomous regional FA's tried to veto his appointment.

Mladinic, who spent many years as a player with Hajduk Split, is going to have a hard time with many of the World Cup squad now playing abroad and more in the army.

He had his squad together during the winter break but their final game was a big disappointment. Against a Montenegro XI they lost 2-0.

Yugoslavia's professional players have new conditions of service that take effect in June. A meeting of First Division clubs in Mostar, agreed that a professional players first contract must be for six years after which he will be a free agent. Subsequent contracts can be up to four years duration but again at the completion of his contract the player will be free to go without payment of a transfer fee.

Hajduk, champions and Cup holders, added the Adria Cup when they won the tournament, staged in Split on the eve of the championship re-start. Hajduk beat Dynamo Zagreb 1-0 in the final while Partizan beat their Belgrade neighbours Red Star 1-0 in the play off for third place.

The championship race was opened up on the first day of the spring campaign when the leaders Hajduk were beaten 4-1 by Vojvodina (Novi Sad). Hajduk, who are without goalkeeper Meskovic and World Cup star Oblak, had all the play, watched by 25,000 (the biggest crowd of the weekend) but got caught by quick counter attacks.

Decimated

Red Star, decimated once again, have always had plenty of good young players and they are proving their resilience once again. They could only draw 0-0 away to Sarajevo but share second place, two points behind Hajduk while Partizan who have also rebuilt their side improved their chances of avoiding relegation with a 4-1 win over Zeljeznicar.

Proleter (Zrenjanin) who are bottom, drew 1-1 at home to FK Rijeka who had 35-year-old Josip Skoblar back from France making his debut. All but the top six clubs are threatened by the drop but Proleter and NK Bor are in serious trouble.

THE Polish national squad toured Greece, Yugoslavia, West Germany and Switzerland during February, winning three games and losing two. Beaten by Greek Cup holders PAOK in Salonika they made seven changes from their accepted World Cup team and played 4-4-2 when they lost to VfL Bochum.

Replacing Robert Gadocha on the left wing appears to be high on Kazimierz Gorski's list of priorities, experimenting with centre forward Adrzej Szarmach on the left and Wisla's centre forward Kazimierz Kmiecik in the middle.

Another centre forward—Roman Ogaza from Szombierki—was also given a run (while two other players apparently well favoured are Roman Jakobczak of Lech Poznan) with ten league goals to his credit this season, in midfield and orthodox left winger Jozef Kwiatkowski of Slask.

During the summer the national team will again tour the USA and Canada between June 20 and July 10.

Semi-final

Gornik Zabrze had several players in the national squad and have still to play their FA Cup semi-final against ROW Rybnik Reserves, but the other finalist will be Second Division Stal Rzeszow. After a goal-less 90 minutes against First Division Pogon Szczecin (Stettin), Stal won 3-0 after extra time.

BEFORE the resumption of the championship in Bulgaria the last 16 in the Cup will be reduced to four. After the early games Trakia Plovdiv, Spartak Plevene, Lokomotive Sofia and either CSKA or Botev Vratza seem the most likely winners of the four groups of four teams that will provide semi finalists.

League leaders Slavia have the youngest team in the top flight with an average age of only 23 and many other clubs are rebuilding including Levski and the Army team CSKA.

Levski, who won the title last year with an old team, have a big re-building job and have appointed two old players Ivan Voutzov and Dobromir Jetchev as coaches, supervised by Vassil Spassov, one time national team boss and now back after two years in Cyprus. CSKA dismissed Manol Manolov last year after ten years in his job as manager, but have recently re-appointed him.

Anton Ondrus, Bratislava's 24-year-old international stopper, who got a championship medal in his first full season and once scored four goals in a league game.

Will the old Europe rise

Real Madrid on the way back — what of Benfica, AC Milan, etc?

THE DECLINE and fall of the mighty European clubs, whose names were once constantly on the lips of millions of fans, is all part and parcel of the evolution in domestic and international football. When the Spanish crack team of Real Madrid had won the European Cup in 1960 for the fifth successive time and in the most dazzling style — beating Eintracht Frankfurt by 7-3 in Glasgow — who could have foreseen that this was in fact the beginning of the end of a glorious era.

It took Real six years to build another team, this time composed of Spanish-born players only, to win the Champions Cup again. But subsequently they sank into mediocrity, from which they are only just rising gradually.

A similar downfall experienced Benfica of Lisbon, who followed Real Madrid with two European Cup victories (1961 and 1962). But after the unsuccessful final in 1963, their great side also began to slide and was replaced at the top of the European tree by the Italians AC Milan and Inter-Milan.

Methodical

These clubs, who were the first to introduce a highly methodical style of play based on tight defence and quick counter strikes, ruled European soccer in the early sixties claiming three European Cups between them (1963, 1964 and 1965). There followed a brief comeback by Real Madrid (winners in 1966), before two British sides collected the coveted trophy for the first time: Celtic (1967) and Manchester United (1968).

AC Milan came back into the reckoning succeeding once more (1969), but then the Dutch took over with Feyenoord winning once (1970), and Ajax Amsterdam three times in succession (1971, 1972 and 1973). Last year brought the first German triumph in the competition, with Bayern Munich.

The slump in fortunes of Real Madrid, Benfica and of the two clubs from Milan, as well as Manchester United, has one factor in common. The key players in each of these famous sides have grown old together and either retired, or faded and were gradually phased out. But since no adequate replacements could be found, especially for several world-class players, these teams could no longer sustain their high level of performance.

Real Madrid's lengthy reign in Europe ended when Di Stefano, Puskas, Kopa, Santamaria and later Gento, were either "over the hill", or approaching that stage. Their promising young team, which won the Champions Cup in 1966, lacked some of these outstanding personalities (only Gento remained from the old guard) and as a pale imitation of their illustrious predecessors flattered briefly, only to deceive.

Benfica's mainstays in defence were the famous bearded stopper Germano, and in goal Costa Perreira, whilst in midfield their "general" Coluna and his lieutenant Santana, schemed and plotted moves finished off by such redoubtable marksmen as Aguas and Augusto, and later Torres, and of course Eusebio. With the departure of Germano and Coluna the foundation stone of the "Eagles of Lisbon" seemed to have crumbled. To this day, the Portuguese champions have not found worthy successors in those departments.

Infusion

AC Milan stayed at the top a little longer, thanks to the timely infusion of highly skilled youngsters and expensive stars, who were slotted alongside established seniors. But there, too, the principal figures like stopper Maldini, strikers Altafini and Mora, later forwards Hamrin, Lodetti and Sormani, either left the club, or became redundant through old age. Now, that their famous midfield leader Rivera is also nearing the end of his career, the red-and-blacks will find it most difficult to replace him.

A face from the past . . . Vidal of Real Madrid.

Inter-Milan's story concerns largely all the key men reaching the end of the road together, or at least in two stages. Goalkeeper Sarti, defenders Guarneri and Picchi, as well as schemer Suarez, belonged to the first group who made their exit, followed by the forwards like Domenghini, Corso and Jair. Two stalwarts still clinging to the old establishment are striker Mazzola and defender Facchetti.

Celtic and Manchester United enjoyed their brief period as once winners of the European Cup. Celtic completed a remarkable sequence of nine successive championship wins — a record equalled in Europe only by MTK Budapest (between 1917 and 1925) and CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria (1954-1962). But Manchester United even suffered the ignominy of being relegated to the Second Division!

The departure of such world stars as Bobby Charlton, Denis Law and George Best proved too much for this most popular club in England, who

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asks ARTHUR ROTMIL

clearly failed to rejuvenate the side in time and have rebuilt when it was too late.

The rise to power of Dutch club football, thanks incidentally to the introduction of professionalism, was inaugurated by Feyenoord and continued by Ajax. But they too, became the victims of saturation with success, no longer motivated by any peaks in football, once they had scaled them all. This may well have been the reason for the decline of Celtic, who in 1967 won every one of the five trophies they have competed for.

In the case of Ajax, the transfers of Cruyff and Neeskens to Barcelona have hit the team far more than was thought possible at the time.

This lack of motivation of players who have succeeded at every level in football is now being blamed for the sudden fall from grace of Bayern Munich, the current holders of the trophy, now quarter-finalists, though no longer the favourites. Half the Bayern team have in the past 12 months won the domestic championship (for the third year running), the European Cup and the World Cup.

Triumphs

What more is there to win? How can the players be driven to the repetition of these total triumphs? What then does the future hold for these once so powerful and dominating, but now no longer so mighty European clubs? Here an analysis of their background and potential should help to find the answer.

Clubs like Real Madrid, Benfica, Celtic, Feyenoord and Ajax, have a distinct advantage over the other famous rivals. They perform mostly in leagues where the competition for the title, or at least leading places, is less fierce than in Italy, England or West Germany, for instance.

It is infinitely harder for say, AC Milan, Inter-Milan, Manchester United, or Bayern Munich, to return to the top of these, the strongest and most competitive leagues in Europe. These teams cannot be guaranteed continual participation in European tournaments. And only by such continuity, by providing their younger players with international experience, can they hope for an early return to the absolute top on the European scene.

As I write, Real Madrid and Benfica are leading in the championship of their countries. Celtic, Feyenoord and Ajax are very close behind the leaders. But Inter and AC Milan, as well as Bayern, are no longer among the elite, while Manchester United will regard it as a triumph if they gain promotion to the English First Division.

In fairness to Bayern one must point out, that despite their internal upheavals the team did reach the quarter-finals and could still confound their critics by making further progress.

Apart from dominating the domestic front in Spain and Portugal, Real and Benfica respectively, are still engaged in European competition. Both clubs have reached the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners Cup, in which they oppose Red Star Belgrade and PSV Eindhoven, in what should be a severe test for their rebuilt teams. Real have benefited from the end of the ban on the importation of foreign players.

Like in their heydays, though on a reduced scale, the "Madrilenos" are again relying on mercenaries like the German stars Günter Netzer and Paul Breitner. Perhaps Benfica, too, will discover another Eusebio or Coluna, in the former Portuguese colonies, in Africa. Both these clubs are naturally trying to strengthen the side through the introduction of young talented starlets.

Next year both these former giants will probably return to the Champions Cup tournament, in which they really made their name and where they won the first seven titles between 1956 and 1962!

The ban on foreigners is probably responsible for the demise of the Italian clubs, since there is at the moment a dearth of home-bred talent and not many teenagers are showing promise. It will certainly take Inter and AC Milan much longer than their rivals to regain their former status. And it is by no means certain that they will qualify for any European tournament next season.

Celtic, Feyenoord and Ajax can yet win the championship, or at least gain entry into one of the other European contests. But this is quite outside the reach of Manchester United, the only former winners of the European Cup, who have since dropped into the oblivion of the Second Division!

Barcelona goalkeeper Sadurni saves from Almqvist of Atvidaberg during their European Cup match in Spain. Barcelona won 2-0.

Few friendlies except with neighbours...

Spanish team manager Ladislav Kubala.

No success in either World Cup or European Championship to date...

UNTIL the last decade, the Spanish FA has been amongst the most conservative virtually limiting their friendly international programme to their Latin neighbours. Even the Spanish speaking South American countries like Uruguay, Mexico, Peru and Argentina, with whom the Spanish have strong cultural and historical links, have been visited very rarely, while Paraguay and Bolivia have been totally ignored.

Matches against Portugal, Italy and France account for more than a quarter of all the matches Spain have played to date though strangely they have not met Portugal in the last five years, though they remain the "most played" opponent. Indeed, were it not for the international competitions, the World Cup and the European Cup, Spain's list of opponents would have been even shorter.

There was a time, in the 1950's when the Spanish government refused to give entry visas to players from Eastern Europe, though this soon went by the board under pressure from their top clubs engaged in European competition. It is significant too that Spain have never met East Germany and amongst the most successful teams of recent years Spain have played only three times against sides like Holland and Brazil.

The only country against whom the Spaniards appear to have done particularly badly is England. The two countries first met in 1929 in Madrid where Spain won

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	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against
Argentina	7	2	1	4	5	7
Austria	5	3	0	2	13	12
Belgium	11	3	4	4	19	15
Brazil	3	1	0	2	5	9
Bulgaria	1	1	0	0	13	0
Chile	4	4	0	0	12	2
Cyprus	2	2	0	0	9	0
Czechoslovakia	6	2	0	4	3	6
Denmark	2	2	0	0	3	1
England	11	3	1	7	14	28
Eire	15	9	3	3	36	12
Finland	2	1	0	1	6	2
France	16	9	4	3	44	16
Germany, West	9	3	2	4	11	12
Greece	4	3	1	0	8	4
Holland	3	2	0	1	10	5
Hungary	4	4	0	0	8	3
Ireland, North	5	3	2	0	12	4
Italy	18	5	7	6	19	26
Mexico	3	2	1	0	8	1
Morocco	2	2	0	0	4	2
Peru	1	1	0	0	3	1
Poland	2	2	0	0	7	2
Portugal	23	14	6	3	62	28
Rumania	2	1	0	1	7	3
Russia	3	1	1	1	3	3
Scotland	6	2	2	2	11	13
Sweden	6	2	3	1	9	8
Switzerland	12	10	2	0	31	12
Turkey	8	3	4	1	11	4
Uruguay	3	1	2	0	5	3
United States	1	1	0	0	3	1
Wales	2	1	1	0	3	2
Yugoslavia	7	2	4	1	7	6
Totals	209	107	51	51	424	251

4-3 but in the return friendly in 1931 England hammered Spain 7-1. The next meeting was delayed until the 1950 World Cup in Brazil where Spain won 1-0 but since then matches between the two countries have been staged more often. Having won two of their first three encounters with England they have played a further 8 games with England since the 1950 World Cup—won 1 drawn 1 and lost 6.

Spain have generally come off best against their Latin friends with the exception of Italy, who have a slight edge over Spain, as have Belgium and West Germany though they have played against Spain much less frequently.

In the last few years the Spanish have apparently become much more interested in the game at international level. This is underlined by the fact that Spain's most popular home-bred player was goalkeeper Ricardo Zamora who first played for Spain in 1920. His career spanned 16 years during which many people regarded him as the World's best goalkeeper, but in that time he represented Spain only 46 times. This record was recently beaten by Atletico Bilbao's Jose Iribar who, despite missing quite a few games bettered this total in slightly more than ten years.

Renewed

Spain's renewed interest in international affairs is highlighted by the changes effected with regard to management of their national team in the last few years. After the 1966 World Cup in which Spain qualified but were unimpressive, Jose Villalonga first gave way to Domingo Balmanya who had distinguished himself by taking Atletico Madrid to the championship. Two years later, however, he was replaced by Eduardo Toba, the former manager of the Youth and Amateur teams.

Clearly the pressure was on for success which contrasts with Spain's earlier almost lackadaisical approach. This pressure built up after their elimination from the 1974 competition after a play-off with Yugoslavia and widespread criticism of the man in charge, Ladislav Kubala.

The Spaniards certainly were disappointed and frustrated but Kubala rode out the storm. He was originally appointed for a three year term in the autumn of 1969 and since that time the Spaniards activity in the international circuit has certainly increased.

At no earlier period in their game did they play 30 matches in little more than five years, even if this is still considerably below the level of, for example, England's involvement at representative level.

When Kubala took over, Spain had already been eliminated from the 1970 World Cup and though failed four years later and also failed to reach the semi final stage in the 1972 European Championship there has been a distinct improvement in overall results.

Superior

Kubala's reign began with a 6-0 win over Finland at La Linea in October, 1969, their final qualifying match in the 1970 World Cup. The recent 1-1 draw against Scotland in Valencia was Kubala's 30th match and his record is superior to that of any comparable period in the history of the Spanish game. In terms of figures, Kubala's games have brought 16 victories, ten draws and only 4 defeats for a goals tally of 53 to 24.

Amongst Kubala's matches are some very encouraging results including two wins at home to West Germany—2-0 in 1970 and 1-0 early in 1974. Against Italy too Spain have acquitted themselves well under Kubala, winning 2-1 away in Cagliari and drawing 2-2 in Madrid.

In May, 1973, Spain also beat Holland 3-2 in Amsterdam and the 2-1 away win over Scotland last November was a very good result and one that only the most optimistic fans could have hoped for.

Criticisms

If there is a valid criticism of Kubala and his methods to be made it is perhaps the fact that like so many managers of international teams he chooses 'safe' teams; sides that will be difficult to beat. His biggest critics argue with some justification that in the most vital matches—at home in Seville against the Soviet Union in 1971 when Spain had to win to qualify for the European Championship and in the two vital matches against Yugoslavia when Spain drew 0-0 in Belgrade and lost 0-1 in Frankfurt, the team Kubala chose was not orientated towards attack.

It seems fair, however, to point out that apart perhaps from the CF Barcelona pair Marcial and Rexach, Spain currently lacks the really creative players and the top class goalscorers that would enable any team manager to field an attacking Spanish national team. It is significant too that once the Spanish clubs were permitted to engage foreigners it was predominantly forwards that were imported.

No over-confidence but Miljan Miljanic is a contented man

REAL ON TOWA

by Keir Radnedge

SAVE your congratulations until the last day of the season," said Real Madrid boss Miljan Miljanic.

"Remember, over-confidence is our enemy No 1," said his captain, Pirri. And then, with a touch of Teutonic certainty came Paul Breitner's: "You can say we're champions already."

All those comments came before the derby with Atletico, but 70,000 fans packed the Estadio Vicente Calderon to see Real take an 18th-minute lead and then hang on for a 1-1 draw which, with Zaragoza held 3-3 at Salamanca, put them seven points clear with 13 games to go.

The Madrid clash was a fair result—Real had the better of the first half, but needed a terrible mix-up among the Atletico defenders to take the lead through Santillana. Real lost Pirri injured just before half-time and his substitute, Ramon Grosso, shortly after and conceded the equaliser one minute after the break to Ruben Hugo Ayala.

From then on it was virtually all Atletico with next to nothing seen of Real strikers Aguilar and Roberto Martinez.

Ayala was in superb form, and Miljanic was quick to point out afterwards that his managerial rival, Luis Aragones, had "planned this match really well."

Luis was not so happy. This was his 12th game at the Atletico helm since taking over from Juan Carlos Lorenzo and his record now reads: three wins only, six draws, and three defeats.

Praise

At least his players seem happier. Jose Luis Capon, the international full back, was one of the best men on the park against Real, and he's been very ready to give Luis all due praise.

"Lorenzo lost control of everything," he recalled. "Even the physical training side he let slip. Things are much better now with Luis—the spirit in the club has improved tremendously."

It just might be that Capon's views have been influenced by the fact that his contract has been improved since Luis took over!

Atletico went into action without skipper Adelardo Rodriguez, the veteran 1962 World Cup man, whom Luis had dropped the previous week, but with Miguel Reina recalled for Pacheco in goal.

What had decided Luis to bring back the former Barcelona goalkeeper was Atletico's 3-1 defeat the previous week away to Ferenc Puskas's bottom-of-the-table Murcia. Pacheco had a poor game, was partly to blame for both the goals scored by Murcia's Juan Antonio Garcia Soriano—playing despite a heavy cold—and Atletico's chances of reappearing in the UEFA Cup slumped considerably.

Morale was not improved by the news that Argentina's Boca Juniors were trying to sign both Ayala and Ramon Heredia—former San Lorenzo men. Atletico turned the offers down flat, despite Boca's plea that "we need new men desperately because we've got six on strike."

Atletico's answer was to tell Boca to put their own house in order, but at least they agreed to give Argentinian fans a chance to see Ayala and Heredia in action when they accepted the invitation to play South American champions Independiente in the World Club Cup. Atletico had been angling for these games even before Bayern Munich turned Independiente down.

Having started my review with a report of the Madrid derby, Barcelona fans will no doubt jump on the Agustin Montal bandwagon and accuse me of "centralism".

This at least was the general title president Montal gave to his nine-point attack on Spanish football in the wake of the Cruyff expulsion at Malaga.

Before the game Cruyff had joked: "If we don't win on Sunday then my youngest son, who will be one, won't be having a birthday party." Presumably the poor kid won't be having any birthday parties for a number of years—Johan is hardly likely to want to celebrate this particular date—February 9—in a hurry.

Bustillo, a former CFB man, put Malaga ahead after nine minutes following a free kick by "Chupete" Guerini which bounced off the defensive wall, but Juan Carlos Heredia—playing his first game for CFB since obtaining his naturalisation papers—set up an equaliser for Carlos Rexach.

Rebound

The game then exploded in the 36th minute. Orozco, playing with a broken toe, had a shot blocked by Salvador Sadurni and Castronovo put the rebound away. The linesman, who had at one stage raised his flag, promptly put it down again, and Cruyff in protesting too vehemently that the referee Jose Luis Orrantia should consult the linesman, was duly sent off.

Ironically, without their skipper and leading light, CFB equalised through recalled full back de la Cruz just before half-time, only for Rodolfo Vilanova—one of the men at the centre of the foreigners scandal—to score Malaga's winner in the 68th minute.

All kinds of bitter words were thrown out afterwards. Barcelona accused the referee of being a homer; the referee accused Cruyff of being abusive; and Malaga just sat back, basking in the publicity and grateful for two points in their tough struggle to escape relegation.

Not that Malaga haven't got plenty of other problems. They top the bookings list with 34 cautions and they also lead the suspensions: Guerini banned for three games, Montero for two, and Monreal, Martinez, Bustillo and Macias for one each.

Guerini is at the centre of another storm. His former club, Boca Juniors—really stirring Spain up at the moment—tried to claim the player back, saying that Malaga were holding out on part of the £60,000 transfer fee.

Malaga had to go scurrying to the bank to find enough to keep the Argentinians quiet. How long that will last is anyone's guess.

But, back to Barcelona. Cruyff was suspended for one match by the league for his expulsion, and Montal leapt into his counter-attack. "There's an anti-Barcelona campaign going on at the moment," said Montal. "It started the moment we signed Johan Neeskens and engaged two Madrid lawyers to study the double nationality agreement with Peru to see if Hugo Sotil could go on playing in the league.

"And, of all the lies which have been spread about Barcelona this season I want to nail two in particular: When we played Feyenoord in the Champions' Cup it was said that we were forced into paying Cruyff and Neeskens double bonuses to make sure they would try their hardest—this was untrue. There was no other reason for the story than to weaken morale still further after the suspension of Marcial and the injury to Asensi.

"Then, secondly, there was the story that I made a special trip to Vigo to offer Celta extra money to beat Real Madrid. Totally false. I didn't go to Vigo, and I didn't offer any money.

"This campaign reached its climax in all the things said about the expulsion of Cruyff in Malaga even though the league president, Andres Reguera, said that Cruyff hadn't deserved the initial booking.

"It's to beat this campaign that we have put forward these nine points."

They were as follows:

(1) Barcelona thought a statement of denial and counter-attack necessary after the Malaga crisis;

(2) At no time had CFB tried to bend the laws to benefit Sotil;

Roberto Martinez of Real Madrid (white shirt) against Red Star goalkeeper Petrovic.

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(3) The difficulties put in the club's way regarding Sotil contrasted scandalously with the tolerance granted other clubs;

(4) The Sotil saga had been built up and spread to attacks on the Barcelona directors, trainer Rinus Michels, and certain players, in particular Johan Cruyff;

(5) Though the team was not doing as well as last season, the directors had full confidence in players and trainer;

(6) There seemed to have been a preconceived plan, even involving referees at other games, to hinder Barcelona;

(7) Though Barcelona had never doubted the integrity of Spanish referees, greater steps should be taken to protect referees from outside pressures;

(8) Barcelona were not the only club burdened by "the system"—steps should be taken to democratise Spanish soccer;

(9) The directors wished to congratulate the players and in particular the captain, Johan Cruyff, for their efforts to defend the honour and good name of the club in the match at Malaga.

Got all that?

All excellent stuff for newspapers, good publicity for Barcelona, and yet I can't see anything there in any way likely to lessen the hostility between Barcelona and Madrid or Barcelona and the Basque clubs, or for that matter, Barcelona and anyone else.

The basic truth of the matter goes back to tradition, to history, and the perpetual warring between the Barcelona province of Catalonia and the other provinces.

Montal might as well try to rewrite history. But then of course, he had to say something, he had to be seen to be hitting back. All in all, just a big publicity exercise—just like so much else in football, particularly Spanish football, at the moment.

And while on the subject of Barcelona, they've signed a new goalkeeper.

Would you believe it? He's a "Spaniard", from Argentina! His name is Oswaldo Norberto Santos, he's 21, and he's joined from Lanus. Presumably he'll go straight into the first team squad next season, but for now he's been loaned to the affiliated lower division, Atletico Barcelona.

Consistent

Another goalkeeper in the news is Ladislao Mazurkiewicz who has, at long last, made his debut for Granada. It was a 4-0 defeat by Las Palmas which finally gave coach Joseito the chance to oust Izcoa, probably—with the exception of Jose Angel Iribar and Madrid's Miguel Angel—the most consistent 'keeper in the league this season.

"Izcoa's a fine goalkeeper—I really mean that, I'm not just saying it," said Mazurkiewicz. "But I don't like being on the substitutes' bench—it's never happened to me before—and now I'm in I intend to do all I can to stay in."

In the end Mazurkiewicz, brought in for the home game against Jose Santamaria's Espanol, had virtually nothing to do except field back passes in a sterile 0-0 draw.

Conversely, when Granada went down 3-0 to Celta the following week, Mazurkiewicz was outstanding!

Granada have also added the 22-year-old Uruguayan centre forward Denis Milar, from Liverpool of Montevideo, to their books for £40,000, though he can't play this season, while Nestor Rossi-di Stefano's team - mate with River Plate and Millionarios Bogota in the late forties and early fifties—could find himself out of a job as manager of Elche, who slipped into the bottom three after going down 2-1 to Espanol.

Everyone seems agreed that Spain's 1-1 draw with Scotland in Valencia was a step back. It gave Iribar a new Spanish record of 47 caps, but it took Laszy Kubala a few rungs back down the popularity ladder after the victory at Hampden.

Foreigner

Finally, one more man who is not finding life so very comfortable: Carlos Caszely, the 24-year-old Chilean World Cup striker. When Spain lifted the ban on foreigners nearly two years ago he joined Levante, the second Valencia club, and in the second division.

Despite his goals Levante were relegated last season and Caszely hasn't been mincing words about the quality of play in the lower reaches: "It's just like rugby."

The LESLIE VERN int HELMU SCHOE

HE looks like a gentleman golfer. Wearing a smart pair of coloured slacks, a roll-neck pullover of a pastel shade, and a jaunty cap to cover his gleaming bald head, Helmut Schoen is everyone's idea of a successful businessman taking a day off from the office. But behind this cheerful exterior there is a man of steel, one of the most brilliant football managers of our time.

Schoen, national team boss of the 1974 World Cup Champions, West Germany, was born on September 15, 1915. Son of a Dresden art dealer, he had an academic upbringing, and took up football merely as a hobby. He spent his playing career with the local Dresdener F.C., as a hard-working, inside-forward, and won Championship and Cup Winners, medals with them. Between 1937 and 1941 he was capped 16 times for Germany, and scored 17 goals for his country.

As he was an amateur in an era when football was not yet fully established as a major spectator sport, he worked in a bank, and later, as an industrial foreign correspondent. During this time, Schoen learned French and English—a knowledge which later helped his development as an internationally respected football expert. He studied all available textbooks on the game, and first worked in Wiesbaden and later for Saarland as their regional coach.

Architect

He was "discovered" in 1956 by that old fox, Sepp Herberger, who asked Schoen to work under him. Herberger, architect of the famous 1954 World Cup victory, groomed Schoen as his successor as national team manager, and when he resigned in 1964 there was an automatic step-up for the then 49-year-old ex-banker.

A linguist, and a charming, cultured man who can discuss a wide range of subjects, his relationship with the media has always been excellent. Week after week Schoen goes to a Bundesliga match and gives his views about the game and the players freely to the Press. I met him in the "Esso Motor Hotel", where the Germans put up their H.Q. for the Wembley international. He was warm and helpful, but told me that all interviews must be arranged through his P.R.O., Dr. Wilfred Gerhard.

Gerhard, a master of his trade and a genuine, friendly man, phoned the following morning and said that Herr Schoen would be delighted to talk to me after supper in the players' dining room. I am recounting the details of this arrangement merely to demonstrate how skilfully and courteously the Germans treat the media—it should serve as an object lesson in diplomacy for the majority of our own surly club managers.

"Mr. Schoen, you are the most successful national team manager of all time. You have won silver, bronze and gold medals in successive World Cups, and the European Championship. Why carry on?"

"Believe me, I keep on asking the same question. I was toying with the idea of retiring gracefully after the World Cup. But when I realised how many of my players had given up international football, I felt obliged to continue. I did not want to desert the national team. Mind you, it is not certain that I'll still be in charge in Argentina '78. My knee gives me a lot of trouble, and I might be forced to rest on medical advice."

"How difficult is it to replace players of the calibre of Muller, Overath, Grabowski?"

"Very difficult. No country can push a button and have ready-made world-class players to take over. That is why I am asking the German public to be patient. Don Revie said that it takes two years to build a team and develop a new type of game. I am not looking for a different style. Only for players to fill the places adequately. Remember, we have two titles to defend!"

Position

"What's the position with Breitner and Netzer?"

"They are still part of my national squad. But they won't be released for the European Championship match against Bulgaria. So there is no point in playing them in friendly matches."

"What is your philosophy in selecting a team?"

"In my view, age doesn't matter. In 1972 I threw in youngsters like Hoeness and Breitner, and they were hailed as world-class players. This time I have in my squad newcomers Kostedde and Ritschel who are not so young. But you must pick players on ability not on an entry on their birth certificates. It is natural for all managers to be anxious to blood youngsters, but this must be done gradually—one or two players at a time, not wholesale changes. I have often been described as someone who is in favour of "block" selection, and that is why our 1972 team was a Bayern-Moengladbach mixture. This is a totally false conclusion! I have always picked the best players, irrespective of club colours."

"Are you satisfied with the type of player who comes forward from the league clubs?"

Encourage

"The answer is an unqualified yes! We are proud of our Bundesliga. Our coaches encourage attacking football, players with vision and flair. Ball technique is very important. Of the English players, for instance, I most admire Allan Clarke. He is the type of footballer I am looking for—graceful, clever, inventive, and has an unerring nose for half-chances.

"You said that our coaching set-up is superior to yours, I wouldn't want to comment on that. But it is quite true that we have a very thorough system. Boys are coached from a very early age, and our F.A. Staff keep records on all promising youngsters. I have known boys like Overath and Beckenbauer since they were 10 years old! I have been watching their progress through the various stages of their development, and remember when they first played for the UEFA Youth team of Germany. Patience, care, progressive coaching methods and thinking—this is the recipe for keeping a supply of real talent flowing into the mainstream of the game."

"Do the laws of the game need changing to make football more attractive to watch?"

"No. All possibilities haven't yet been explored under the present laws. Why tamper with them? I always quote the argument about whether we should have bigger goals. When this idea was first

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mooted, an African delegate said—quite seriously—that they cannot afford to build new goalposts at every single pitch etc., but they could afford smaller goalkeepers!

"In our league, the goalscoring average is very healthy. In nine games per week, German teams usually score bteween 28-34 goals. This is because out players go on the pitch wanting to win, not merely hoping not to lose. This approach is essential for the game to survive as a major spectator sport."

"Do you believe in total-football?"

"There is no such thing. It is just a catch-phrase invented by pseudo-experts. Of course we want all-rounders, and a system in which the players can express themselves. But there will never be a team with ten players constantly changing their roles within the framework of the general pattern. We must have specialists as well. Would you play a goal-poacher like Muller at full-back? We try to be unpredictable, catch the opposition unawares, but this has nothing to do with meaningless slogans like "total-football".

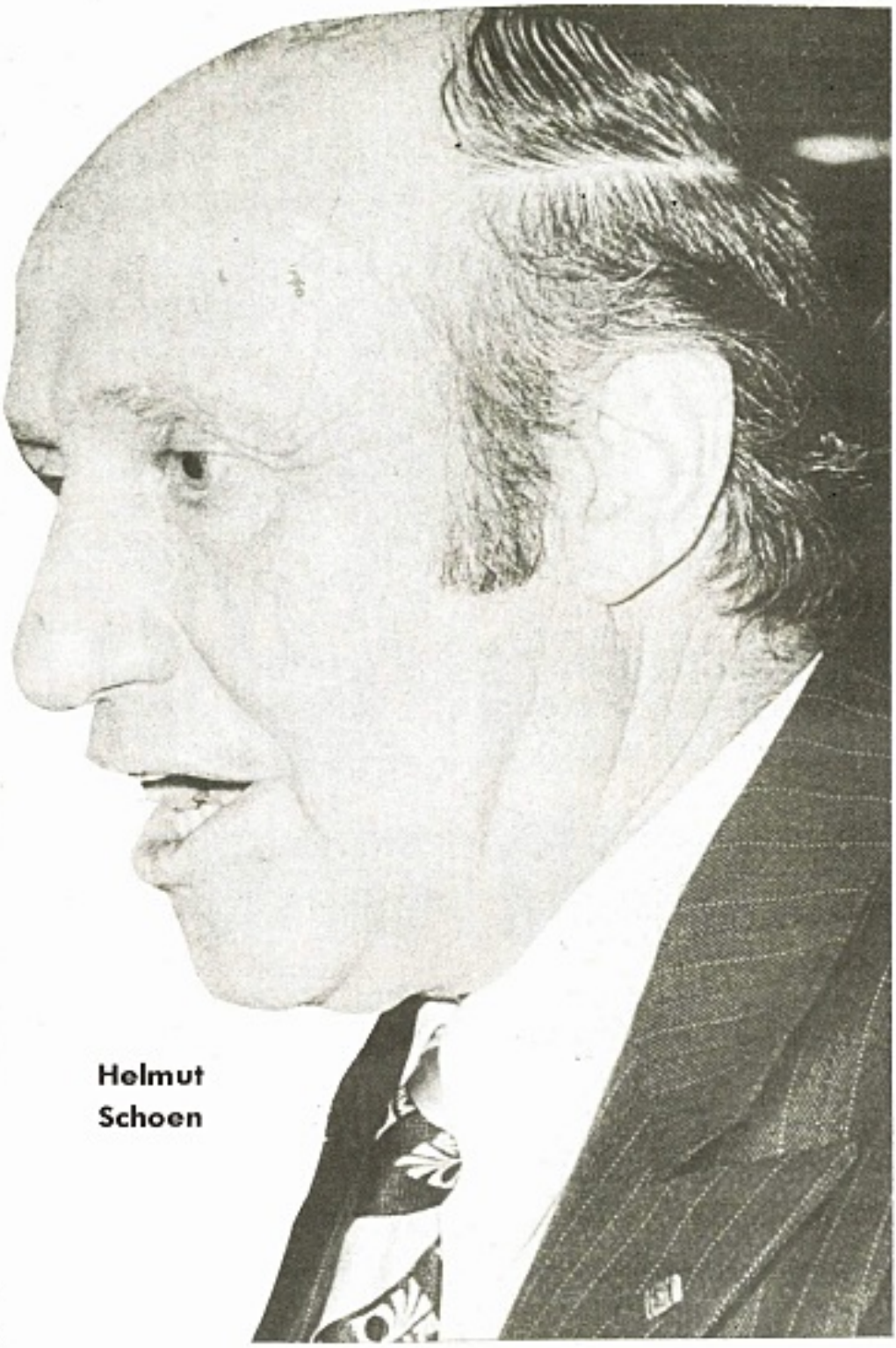
Changes

"Would you like to see changes in the format of the existing tournaments?"

"I believe that there should be a fairer system in the qualifying tournaments of the World Cup. It must be ensured that the best teams go to Argentina. Geographical considerations must be done away with, and the strong European countries shouldn't eliminate each other while the Zaires and Haitis qualify. But the number of finalists should not exceed 16. Twenty would be far too many as it would make the tournament too strenuous."

"How much of a handicap is it for a European team to play in South America?"

"The climate is different, and of course it could be much better than we are used to. That is why it is very difficult to find the best way to prepare. How long should we allow for acclimatisation before the tournament opens? How many warm-up matches should we play? As it is, we are planning a tour of Argentina in 1977, and then we'll know more about the problems. But, in answering your question, I would say that playing in South America is not as much of a handicap as it used to be. Most of our leading clubs have been touring there, and most of our players have actual experience of the conditions."



Helmut Schoen

The German team boss ended the conversation with the polite—but no doubt sincere — remark that he is a regular reader of "World Soccer", and that he would be glad to see me the next time I am in Germany. Helmut Schoen—a man who has conclusively proved that even in our present-day cut-throat world of big-time football, there is still room for "nice guys" who really know their business.

Dateline Diary . . . Dateline Diary . . .

Martinez saga continues...one match ban for Cruyff...Malta shock Greece

FEBRUARY 11

MADRID: Roberto Martinez insists that he is a Spanish national and denied allegations that he had falsified his birth certificate in order to play league football in Spain.

FEBRUARY 12

CASABLANCA: The Moroccan national team beat Manchester City 3-2 in a friendly. Dennis Tueart scored both City goals, Fuezzar (2) and Faras for Morocco.

MADRID: Johan Cruyff was given an automatic one-match suspension after being sent off for arguing with the referee in the match in Malaga the previous Sunday.

FEBRUARY 13

MUNICH: Bayern Munich will play Kuwait at the end of the month despite a heavy fixture list in domestic and European games.

MILAN: AC Milan have been banned from using their home ground at San Siro for two matches after Juventus captain Pietro Anastasi was knocked out but a firework from a flare gun. The FA also took off the goal that Milan scored, leaving them 2-0 losers to Juventus.

FEBRUARY 14

ZURICH: UEFA rejected Derby's appeal against the victory of Velez Mostar in the UEFA Cup. They had claimed that the behaviour of the crowd who let off rockets and fireworks during the game had intimidated their players.

FEBRUARY 15

BUENOS AIRES: The vice-president of Argentina's World Cup organising committee was reported to have resigned in a dispute with government sports authorities here. He was Santiago Leyden, president of Ferrocarril Oeste.

FEBRUARY 16

BUENOS AIRES: Argentine social welfare minister Jose Lopez Rega said that the government would control all the preparatory work for the 1978 World Cup.

FEBRUARY 17

ZURICH: The FIFA referees committee said it was against Scottish proposals to award a direct free-kick for obstruction and to introduce a pitch marking that would help prevent players encroaching at corner kicks. They were also against another Scottish idea that an arc ten yards from each corner flag should be marked out to help control this rule.

RIYADH: Sir Alf Ramsey, ex-England team boss, arrived to give technical advice to the Saudi Arabian Youth Welfare Institution.

FEBRUARY 18

PARIS: Francisco Marinho, the Brazilian international, said that he would like to play for Marseille, but said he was expensive.

SALISBURY: FIFA are to send a delegation to Rhodesia to investigate the control and situation of the game in that country.

FEBRUARY 19

BUENOS AIRES: Independiente will play Atletico Madrid for the World Club Cup on March 12 and April 11. Bayern Munich refused to meet the South Americans as they said they had no time.

FLORENCE: Italy beat Norway 4-1 in a friendly after leading 2-0 at half-time. Graziani, Chinaglia, Savoldi and Cordova scored for Italy. Fugleset from a penalty for the Norwegians.

PORTO ALEGRE: Ruch Chorzow were beaten 3-2 by Internacional of of Porto Alegre. Falcao (2) and Tadeu scored for the Brazilians, with Josek and Wira getting the Ruch goals.

FEBRUARY 20

CAIRO: Africa's soccer champions may in two years compete in a tournament with the champions of Europe and South America. This is according to the General Secretary of the African Football Feberation.

RIYADH: Sir Alf Ramsey was still in Saudi Arabia promoting the local game. He denied reports that he was seeking a job in the oil-rich kingdom.

FEBRUARY 23

VALETTA: Malta shocked Greece by winning 2-0 in a European Championship match. Goals by Ritchie Aquilina and Maxi Magro in each half sank the Greeks.

CASABLANCA: Morocco beat Libya 2-1 in an Olympic Qualifying match. Faras and Urcila scored for Morocco, Bahloul for Libya.

YADUZ: Luxembourg beat Liechtenstein 2-1 in a European Union youth tournament game, the first international to be played in this tiny alpine principality since Liechtenstein joined UEFA last year.

FEBRUARY 23

BRUSSELS: Anderlecht showed poor form against Beringen in the Belgium Cup being forced to extra time before winning 1-0.

FEBRUARY 25

RIO: Pele, Brazil's retired soccer ace, has been invited to play in the USA. It is one of many offers received since he hung up his boots last year.

FEBRUARY 26

BELGRADE: Chris Jones scored a goal for Spurs who beat Red Star here 1-0 in a friendly.

TEL AVIV: Bobby Moore ex-England captain arrived to coach young players and coaches. He volunteered his services free of charge after being approached by an Israeli sporting organisation.

MARCH 5

RIYADH: Sir Alf Ramsey left Saudi Arabia after a two week visit. He had not taken a job there.

Huachipato's forward line . . . left to right: Godoy, Silva, Hatibovic, Ramirez and Villar.

Huachipato win title

HUACHIPATO, the team with the curious name (even to Chilean ears) are the surprise champions of Chile.

The club of the Huachipato steel works at Talcahuano, a port in Concepcion province some 500 km south of Santiago, entered professional football in the second division in 1965 and finished second, won promotion the following year and took the first division title for the first time this year.

The surprise is that this team without stars, most of whose players earn no more than 120 dollars a month, outplayed the fully professional outfits from Chile's capital, Santiago (Colo Colo, Union Española, Palestino, Universidad de Chile) who rarely let the title go out of town.

While Union Española and Palestino — clubs strongly backed by the Spanish and Jewish communities of Santiago — fought for the lead with Colo Colo, Chile's most popular club and most frequent title winner, Huachipato was never far behind and, giving a much steadier performance, finally finished at the top by two points over Palestino.

Huachipato, who will also be playing in the Libertadores Cup for the first time this year, have a picturesque stadium surrounded by rocky country — Las Higueras — but it is not completely enclosed by stands and holds only 12,000 spectators.

The club, run by the Pacific Steel Company (Compañia de Acero del Pacifico) has 4,500 members and also caters for other sports, having produced several national athletic champions and a good roller hockey team.

Their soccer team has stood out for its solid defence, team work, organisation and hard work in training and matches — but supporters give another reason for success.

It's hard to believe, but true, they say, that we still have players here who play for the love of it.

With salaries of only 120 dollars per month — goalkeeper Mendy is the top earner with 190 dollars — and win bonuses of five dollars during the Chile Cup and about 30 dollars for league games, it just has to be true.

The attack has a couple of danger men, specially the young Uruguayan, Sintas, but Huachipato's strength rests in their competent half-line with Moises Silva and Eddy Inostroza, defenders such as Francisco Pinochet (who has been capped) and the safe goalkeeping of Mendy, sometimes called the star of this star-less team.

Local coach Pedro Morales's strongest line-up is Luis Mendy, Hugo Riveros, Francisco Pinochet, Eddie Inostroza, Flavio Silva, Guillermo Azocar, Luis Caceres, Daniel Diaz, Carlos Sintas, Mario Salinas and Luis Godoy.

The 1974 season — which finally ended during February this year — was poor with a falling off in playing standards by the top teams and the top stars — and in attendances.

It started off with the Chile Cup which failed to catch the public's interest and at some matches players almost outnumbered spectators — a situation (mentioned in WORLD SOCCER before) which brought several clubs to the brink of bankruptcy. Wanderers won the competition in which World Cup team players did not take part.

The season's outstanding players were goalkeeper Neff (Colo Colo), backs Rafael Gonzalez (Colo), Guillermo Azocar (Huachipato), Antonio Arias (Un. Española), Francisco Pinochet (Huach.), halves Eddy Inostroza and Moises Silva (Huach.), Sergio Ramirez (Palestino), forwards Julio Crisosto (Colo), Carlos Sintas (Huach), Carlos Pinto (Palestino).

Union Española are Chile's other representatives in the Libertadores Cup after winning a four-team play-off between clubs placed second to fourth and cup winners Wanderers.

Final first division standings

1. Huachipato ..... 54 pts. (P 34, W 24, D 6, L 4)
2. Palestino 52
3. Colo Colo 51
4. Union Española 46

Relegated: Union San Felipe
Union La Calera

LOOKING AT SOCCER with BRIAN GLANVILLE

Dodgin at strugglin

"BILL," said Philip Neil, "transformed the whole spirit at Northampton." The young Liverpool full-back was referring to Bill Dodgin, who had transferred him a few months earlier from Northampton Town, and the extent of his enthusiasm may be gauged by the fact that we were sitting on a Liverpool coach which resembled an extended hearse.

Liverpool had just lost, in banal and avoidable fashion, a League match to Arsenal at Highbury. Neal, nevertheless, was sufficiently enthusiastic at the mention of Dodgin to forget his disappointment and warmly eulogise him. There is no doubt that the arrival of Dodgin was a splendid thing for Northampton Town. There is equally little doubt that it was rather a curious thing for Dodgin and, by implication, for English football.

Dodgin comes from a footballing family. His father, Bill senior, played as a half-back for Charlton Athletic, in their happy pre-war days and Southampton, whom he later managed. He also managed Fulham, and it was there that Bill junior, tall, a little ungainly, but effective and determined, made his First Division debut.

Spiteful

They were not easy days for the Dodgins. I remember a miserably gloomy rain-sodden afternoon in the winter of 1951 when the Fulham crowd were at their most spiteful, booing and jeering Bill senior as he walked down the touchline. I remember, too, talking to him about it a few days later, when he said that this was the way of the world; "The successful man has lots of friends."

Bill senior found his way to Italy for a while, an unexpected choice as manager of Samdoria of Genoa. Today, astonishingly unchanged, unfailingly cheerful, he is chief scout for Bristol Rovers. Bill junior went to Arsenal, where he became their first team centre-half. Once, I recall his father reproaching me because I'd criticised his son in a football report. How can a centre-half have played badly, he demanded, when the other side didn't score? Bill junior never objected if one criticised him. Jack Kelsey, then the Arsenal and Wales goalkeeper, used to say fiercely to me that Bill was too decent and good for professional football.

Bill himself has always insisted that he was a frustrated midfield player. In this, height and build were probably against him; it was essentially a question of balance, of a higher centre of gravity than there ideally should be.

As a coach, Bill was successful both with Millwall and with Queen's Park Rangers. Down at The Den, he says jokingly that his only contribution was to keep Billy Gray, then the manager, serene. He arrived at Loftus Road when Alec Stock was manager, and the team in the Third Division. It promptly lost at Gillingham, and Stoke told Dodgin to see what he could do.

What he could do, and did, was enormously successful. Rangers went up to the Second, then to the First, Division. There, things began to go wrong. Stock was sacked and Tommy Docherty arrived. Dodgin resigned. He had been a playing colleague of Docherty at Arsenal, and felt there was no reconciling their different approaches to the game.

It is interesting, however, that he should still speak so very warmly of the Rangers chairman, Jim Gregory; the more so as Gregory has often been criticised for allegedly interfering in managerial territory, while Dodgin himself has as little time for the average director as any other dedicated professional.

Understood

"I was probably happiest working for the little fellow, Jim Gregory," he says. "He understood what you were trying to do. He would come out with suggestions. He'd say, 'You may think this is stupid, but . . .' and he'd come out with a lot of common sense. I don't think he really came out with a stupid idea. People can say what they like, but Queen's Park Rangers is really what Jim Gregory has built."

Dodgin now became manager of his and his father's old club, Fulham, at the suggestion of Johnny Haynes, and again he did well. He took them from the Third Division to the Second, but then found the team fighting relegation. This is avoided with little to spare. One of the directors sent champagne to the dressing room to celebrate the escape, but only a few weeks later, a curt letter told Dodgin that he was sacked. He says himself that the only bitterness he feels about this is towards himself; that he should have known what was eventually going to happen, and resigned immediately after he had won promotion.

The next stop was Leicester City, where he became a coach again, and linked up with another former Arsenal colleague in Jimmy Bloomfield. I used to joke with them that two "nice guys" could not hope to have success, but succeed they did. Last season, however, Dodgin was on his way again; to Northampton. Bloomfield says he felt that once having been a manager, Bill wanted to go on being one.

Dodgin's version, and one I have heard confirmed, is that he felt in some sense excluded from what was going on. Bloomfield is that contemporary victim, a manager who would like to look after every aspect — within reason — of his club, but whose ambitions are frustrated by the sheer size of the task. The two of them remain good friends. Dodgin says that no one cheered louder than he when Leicester turned the tide against Leatherhead.

There's no doubt that Dodgin is a purist in a cynical era. "There are all

Europe

GROUP ONE

30.10.74 England 3, Czechoslovakia 0
20.11.74 England 0, Portugal 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Czechoslovakia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

5.2.75 Cyprus v England
16.4.75 England v Cyprus
20.4.75 Czechoslovakia v Cyprus
30.4.75 Czechoslovakia v Portugal
8.6.75 Cyprus v Portugal
29.10.76 Czechoslavakia v England
12.11.75 Portugal v Czechoslovakia
19.11.75 Portugal v England
23.11.75 Cyprus v Czechoslovakia
3.12.75 Portugal v Cyprus

GROUP TWO

4.9.74 Austria 2, Wales 1
13.10.74 Luxembourg 2, Hungary 4
30.10.74 Wales 2, Hungary 0
20.11.74 Wales 5, Luxembourg 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	3	2	0	1	8	2	4
Austria	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Hungary	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

16.3.75 Luxembourg v Austria
2.4.75 Austria v Hungary
16.4.75 Hungary v Wales
1.5.75 Luxembourg v Wales
24.9.75 Hungary v Austria
15.10.75 Austria v Luxembourg
19.10.75 Hungary v Luxembourg
19.11.75 Wales v Austria

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sorts of things that I think are cheating," he says, "and that I can't stand at any price, like pulling shirts. If someone has beaten you, he's beaten you, and after all, it's only a game. The ball going over your head and people catching it. Tripping people. You want people to play physically hard if they're *facing* people. I go crazy out there.

"In fact I've often thought that winning games from defensive football is cheating. There are times when you have to go back a spring to go forward, but just standing there and letting people come at you. . . ."

How do his players react to such high moral sentiments? "It's the first time some of them have been told not to do things like that," he admits. But sometimes there is a practical side to his purism. He gives the example of an incident when the Northampton goalkeeper was beaten by a forward, whom he then pulled down, conceding a penalty; unaware that two defenders were running round behind him to take up position on the line. "I play the percentage game as well!" Dodgin says, with characteristic candour. "But there are managers who would almost drop lads for not doing it."

He takes a bleak view of the present state of our football. "From what I've seen, we're one step up from the state that boxing's in. There's less talent than there ever was, despite the fact that there's better organisation to stop people playing. It is people chasing trophies and trying to keep up with the Joneses when they haven't got a cat in hell's chance of keeping up with the Smiths, because to the end of time there'll be two big teams in Manchester, two in Liverpool and three in London."

Meanwhile, he works patiently away at Northampton. He never did pass his FA coaching badge. Ron Greenwood sent him to a course when he was playing for Arsenal, but he saw schoolmasters "who couldn't kick a ball" passing the examination, while seasoned international players failed. It wasn't, he decided, for him; which hasn't prevented him becoming an outstanding coach. There may be a moral there, too.

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GROUP THREE

4.9.74 Norway 2, Northern Ireland 1
30.10.74 Yugoslavia 3, Norway 1
30.10.74 Sweden 0, Northern Ireland 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Northern Ireland	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Norway	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Sweden	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

16.3.75 Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia
4.6.75 Sweden v Yugoslavia
9.6.75 Norway v Yugoslavia
30.6.75 Sweden v Norway
13.8.75 Norway v Sweden
3.9.75 Northern Ireland v Sweden
15.10.75 Yugoslavia v Sweden
29.10.75 Northern Ireland v Norway
19.11.75 Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland

GROUP FOUR

25.9.74 Denmark 1, Spain 2
13.10.74 Denmark 0, Rumania 0
20.11.74 Scotland 1, Spain 2
5.2.75 Spain 1, Scotland 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Rumania	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Denmark	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

17.4.75 Spain v Rumania
11.5.75 Rumania v Denmark
1.6.75 Rumania v Scotland
3.9.75 Denmark v Scotland
12.10.75 Spain v Denmark
29.10.75 Scotland v Denmark
16.11.75 Rumania v Spain
17.12.75 Scotland v Rumania

GROUP FIVE

1.9.74 Finland 1, Poland 2
25.9.74 Finland 1, Holland 3
9.10.74 Poland 3, Finland 0
20.11.74 Holland 3, Italy 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Poland	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Italy	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Finland	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

19.4.75 Italy v Poland
5.6.75 Finland v Italy
20.8.75 Holland v Finland
10.9.75 Poland v Holland
27.9.75 Italy v Finland
15.10.75 Holland v Poland
25.10.75 Poland v Italy
22.11.75 Italy v Holland

GROUP SIX

30.10.74 Eire 3, USSR 0
20.11.74 Turkey 1, Eire 1
1.12.74 Turkey 2, Switzerland 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eire	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Turkey	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Switzerland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
USSR	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

2.4.75 USSR v Turkey
30.4.75 Switzerland v Turkey
11.5.75 Eire v Switzerland
18.5.75 USSR v Eire
21.5.75 Switzerland v Eire
12.10.75 Switzerland v USSR
29.10.75 Eire v Turkey
12.11.75 USSR v Switzerland
23.11.75 Turkey v USSR

GROUP SEVEN

8.9.74 Iceland 0, Belgium 2
12.10.74 East Germany 1, Iceland 1
12.10.74 Belgium 2, France 1
16.11.74 France 2, East Germany 2
7.12.74 East Germany 0, Belgium 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
East Germany	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
France	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Iceland	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

25.5.75 Iceland v France
5.6.75 Iceland v East Germany
3.9.75 France v Iceland
6.9.75 Belgium v Iceland
27.9.75 Belgium v East Germany
11.10.75 East Germany v France
15.11.75 France v Belgium

GROUP EIGHT

13.10.74 Bulgaria 3, Greece 3
20.11.74 Greece 2, West Germany 2
18.12.74 Greece 2, Bulgaria 1
29.12.74 Malta 0, West Germany 1
23.2.75 Malta 2, Greece 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	4	1	2	1	7	8	4
West Germany	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Bulgaria	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Malta	2	1	0	1	2	1	2

27.4.75 Bulgaria v West Germany
4.6.75 Greece v Malta
11.6.75 Bulgaria v Malta
11.10.75 West Germany v Greece
19.11.75 West Germany v Bulgaria
21.12.75 Malta v Bulgaria
28.2.76 West Germany v Malta

WADDINGTON

THE name's Tony Waddington. He's the manager of Stoke City. And if you happen to need references for this personable character, a mere phone call to any soccer club in Britain will supply enough to paper the walls of your lounge.

That's a fact. For this man who never displayed early talents in anything better than Third Division grading, is now a household word wherever the game is played because of a fantastic ability for building from ground floor level.

He started down there. The immediate post-war years with Crewe Alexandra provided the first real contact with struggling professionalism. And it remained that way until suddenly life improved with a branch line trip to the nearby Potteries, and a leg-up into a higher division.

That was when Tony first became completely immersed in background planning. It was also the time when the City club counted every copper, and visiting teams to their 97-year-old headquarters either shivered while stripping in the old stone-floored dressing rooms, or gasped for air after turning on a couple of smoking oil heaters.

Mediocre

Opportunity knocked six years later. The reins were handed over at the start of the last decade. The team was his for the shaping though, thereabouts, it was only a mediocre one, playing before paper-thin crowds, and lacking inspiration.

Gradually, however, the position improved, and to the great delight of everybody in Arnold Bennett's Five Towns they moved up into the top circle with a mixed squad of youngsters and former stars who included Jimmy McIlroy, Jackie Mudie, Dennis Viollet, and Stanley Matthews, whose rare goal finally made certain of the Second Division championship.

McIlroy admitted afterwards that the team of that particular era was "an odd assortment of big names, unknown ones and veterans". Anyway, it was remodelled again and again, and when the League Cup was carried off for the first time the line-up contained such as Gordon Banks, Jimmy Greenhoff, Peter Dobing, George Eastham, and John Ritchie.

Those twin triumphs, though spaced far

England colleagues Alan Hudson (left) and Alan Ball after the 2-0 defeat of West Germany.

BOOSTS STOKE

apart—1963 and 1972—whetted the appetite. Now, this winter, their sights have been raised once again and set on even bigger targets, with the League title marked up as THE achievement for the near future.

For nothing is impossible now. They have accummulated the right type of cash for the necessary signings, and in doing so have rid themselves of that old "Holiday camp" image.

Some folk used to talk that way because at one time those who knew the Staffordshire outfit well were always suggesting there was too much friendliness and not sufficient discipline.

Those people should now be told of one particular incident during the interval of a game against Manchester City, at Maine Road. They were level at one-all yet met a white-faced, angry manager in the dressing-room who, according to Gordon Banks, gave them the biggest lacing he'd ever known.

Tony said: "What's all this about? Why are you just taking it easy? We're here to get points even if we are comfortably placed in the League. Stop walking about as if you're not interested in the game, and go out there and get it won." They did.

There's still friendliness in abundance all over the place today, but that should never be mistaken for softness. Especially when it comes to dealing with players who are, after all, on top salaries. Good money demands equally good performances. That's what the fans expect—and are getting.

And so they should. For this is a £2-M squad which has been assembled at the Victoria grounds. Not a consortium of old 'uns, but one that is packed with masters of the craft.

It's staggering to glance at the playing list. Just two of the boys set the club back to the tune of £600,000. Alan Hudson, of Chelsea, cost £240,000 which is not exactly peanuts in any language. But they paid out £360,000 for Leicester City's Peter Shilton. A far cry, you might say, to Tony's first signing—£2,500 for Old Stan.

When Stoke topped the First Division a short while back, Tony said: "The only point that surprised me about being on the top spot was that there were some folk who seemed surprised to see us there, yet all the signs were there a year ago."

He's in an enviable position—able to reject every bid for his players, and have plenty of the right stuff for buying himself when the right players become available!

ERIC THORNTON'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

McGUINESS TAKES OVER AT YORK CITY

WILF McGuinness is once again embroiled with the stark realities of life in these islands, just as he has so often been in different parts of Europe since the far distant days of his boyhood dreams.

I can say that having known the new boss of York City from the era of growing pains in the same branch of the school game as that which also produced such as Stiles, the renowned 'assassin' of the South Americas.

Always a quieter and entirely different type of player than Nobby, this product of the built-up areas of cottonopolis, which has since supplied many others to the top echelons, soared to the summit rather sensationally.

Unfortunately, it became a peak which left the triumphant climber wearily wondering about the value of attainment. For it almost broke his heart. Because suddenly and unexpectedly the 32-year-old had to step down as Matt Busby stepped up again.

Everything always seems difficult whenever that kind of thing happens, but here was the fantastic instance of the blow being delivered by the very club to which he had devoted all the formative years — Manchester United.

Yet, when the former England wing-half stood before the newspaper boys after the decision had been announced, he merely raked a spot of loose soil with a nervous toe cap, and said: "I would bleed for United".

The formative route of the young and shy McGuinness was originally set for a first team spot with Manchester City until the observant Stan Cullis lured him away from Les McDowall for private trials.

Yet the Master of Molineux, of that particular decade, lost the day to Matt, who had been equally well serviced by the grapevine. So the light blues and the old gold conceded it to the reds.

There were quick stepping stones from the encircling and famous Babes into the League squad, England caps and so on until tragedy struck. A broken leg wrote finis for a player who had really only just blossomed.

They shuffled him around at Old Trafford. He moved quickly through the backroom grades, and became the surprise choice for the managerial chair when Matt, still carrying an inheritance of the Munich crash, decided to call it a day.

Of course, the job was dynamite. It still is. Years of success at home and overseas with star studded squads have conditioned supporters to nothing less than triumphs, a fact which Wilf recognised.

He knew that at the start of his reign. He knew it at the finish when he said: "Managers are judged by results, yet with a bit of luck we might have been in three cup finals." That was so.

He had piloted the club to three semi-finals within a mere twelve months, a feat any other club chief would have regarded as a miracle, but which to United was failure.

However, he moved to Greece, steered two clubs to spots in European competitions while his hair went white, then came back home to scout for Everton but soon traded in that job when offered the task of keeping York in the Second Division.

Says Wilf: "I returned partly for family reasons and partly to show what I can do as a manager in English soccer without the name of Manchester United, and this job gives me the chance to start again."

If he keeps York up it will probably add up to a good time for the fans next winter because he's no time for negative tactics, and says he wants to give the crowds excitement.

Keir Radnedge spotlights the

THE SUM AND THE

A MONTH or two ago I spotlighted the problems heaped upon the head of Ivanoe Fraizzoli, president of Internazionale.

Now, to correct the balance and remind you that there isn't much that's lovely in the garden at A C Milan either, let's take a look at just a couple of the troubles afflicting Albino Buticchi, president of Inter's neighbours and deadly rivals.

For some time Milan have not been the happiest of clubs, and, I suppose you could say that the present rot set in during the summer of 1973 when top scorer Pierino Prati, who hit a hat-trick against Ajax in the 1969 Champions' Cup Final, was transferred to Roma against the wishes of Nereo Rocco.

The tough Trieste-born manager, then in his second spell with Milan after a short interlude with Torino, had only just taken them to the Cup Winners Cup for the second time, but despite that controversial victory over Leeds, Buticchi felt changes imperative.

Despite that European title, the season had ended on a bitter note since Milan had surrendered their lead and the Italian title on the last day of the season to Juventus — and that really hurt.

So Prati was sold in what was to be the start of an attempt — from above — to revitalise Rocco's team for him.

The trouble was that Palace revolutions can get out of hand, and Milan tumbled from one skirmish to another in season 73-4 as first Rocco was forced out and then his replacement Cesare Maldini — Milan's sweeper and skipper when Rocco, during his first reign, steered them to the 1963 Champions' Cup at Wembley against Benfica.

Unwilling

The season ended with Maldini's former defensive colleague, Giovanni Trapattoni, a most unwilling holder of the reins and very relieved to be still with the club and able to revert to a subsidiary role once the campaign was at an end, with Milan in seventh position, 13 points behind new champions Lazio.

That the season should end with defeat in the Cup Winners Cup Final before a couple of thousand in Rotterdam against Magdeburg went almost unnoticed. No-one was really bothered whether Milan won or lost; no-one was interested in the Cup Winners Cup; what mattered was the championship, and Milan had blown it again.

But Buticchi already had a man whom he thought strong and imaginative enough to bring back the *scudetto* after a gap of six years: Gustavo Giagnoni, a mediocre forward in his day who had been playing first division *(Serie A)* soccer ten years before with Mantova.

Giagnoni had blossomed as a trainer with Torino and had taken them brightly to sixth place in 1972-3 after a season when, at one stage, they seemed capable of greater things. He was seen then as the bright new star, the new magician, perhaps even a kind of trainee Helenio Herrera.

Alas for him, all at Torino was not sweetness and light and his forthright views and controversial changes cost him his job midway through last season, to be succeeded, of all people, by Edmondo Fabbri.

He, you may remember, was the man they called Topolino, the "Little Mouse," who led Italy to the 1966 World Cup Finals, to defeat against North Korea, and to a reception of rotten fruit back home.

(Torino, incidentally, are having problems still, with Fabbri being banned from the touchline by the League for being a little too ready to tell referees what he thinks of them, but that is another story.)

Long before last season was over it had already been settled that Giagnoni would take over Milan, along with a new general manager in Sandro Vitali, and he did so during the summer, in time to advise Buticchi on some of the players he wanted signed on.

To strengthen the defence he started right at the back and brought in Enrico Albertosi — officially still only 35. He was Italy's goalkeeper in Mexico but learned his trade alongside the cool Giuliano Sarti at Fiorentina in the late 1950s before moving on to spend seven years with Luigi Riva at Cagliari.

Debut

A new full back was Aldo Bet, the 24-year-old former Inter, Roma and Verona man, and for the centre of defence Giagnoni went back to Torino for the defender he valued above all others: Luciano Zecchini, a tough 25-year-old who made his league debut with Brescia in 1969-70 and joined Torina at the end of that season.

Zecchini has fulfilled his promise, and national team manager Fulvio Bernardini sees him as one of the cornerstones of the *Azzurri* for a long time to come.

In midfield Giagnoni added 23-year-old Duino Gorin from Varese and from the same club also brought along a very promising young centre-forward in 22-year-old Egidio Calloni — who scored 16 goals in his 31 games last season, his first in the big-time.

Despite a certain amount of internal dissension Giagnoni, it seems, was getting to grips with the problems, particularly after Milan won 4-2 most impressively away to Sampdoria Genoa before a 35,000 crowd to go third in the table.

This took them to within four points of leaders Juventus, who were due to appear at San Siro stadium the following Sunday. To put it the BBC way: Milan appeared to have everything to play for.

Yet in the following seven days everything collapsed.

Pleasure

At first there was little reason to believe that they couldn't win. Everyone was bubbling over, could hardly wait for Sunday; and even when Giagnoni learned that 28-year-old Giorgio Biasiolo, hurt against Sampdoria, would be out for a fortnight, he had the easy pleasure of being able to recall World Cup man Romeo Benetti, who had started his career with Juventus, into midfield alongside Gianni Rivera and Gorin, who had been the best man on the field in Genoa.

The first storm was not long in coming, however, and it blew up, as so many do, around the sensitive figure of team captain Rivera. The one-time Golden Boy, who has spent the last 15 years moulding Milan around his own style, has never been free of controversy for long.

Before his first goal this season you have to go back ten months for another in the league and now he's even given up taking the penalties: Calloni and Luciano Chiarugi, the unpredictable 27-year-old, both scored from the spot against Sampdoria — Rivera contented himself with the first goal of the game, Gorin got another.

What caused the furore this time was not the way Rivera was playing, studied as ever but too slow for many of the shortsighted faithful, but something he said during a public debate on soccer and its problems.

Rivera doesn't speak to the Press at all these days — they've caused him too much trouble in the past, he says, but on this occasion his views couldn't help but be splashed all over the media, for he made a remarkable attack on the Italian soccer establishment.

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MER OF 1973 E ROT SETS IN!

Very briefly, the points he made were these:

That

1) Artemio Franchi, UEFA and Italian federation president, had too much power and had been able to use it to protect his own position in a way which could ultimately be dangerous;

2) The Italian team was too fraught with international politics and intrigue;

3) Journalists never judged players for what they were, only for what they wanted to make them;

4) Directors and officials were too tied up with the Press and the importance of their own image to care about the players; that was why football would soon die.

Straight talking indeed.

Audience

But what added fuel to the fire was that when Rivera was speaking about the national team a member of the audience (Rivera might suspect it was a journalist looking for a good quote!) shouted out: "Like the Mafia?" and Rivera muttered: "Well, yes, perhaps even a little like the Mafia."

Unprecedented words which met with an unprecedented response, for no immediate action was taken against Rivera —Franchi, Buticchi and Co. all, publicly at least, took the view initially that the player was free to express his own opinions. Perhaps they hoped that this way the whole business would be quickly forgotten.

(Rivera's position became even more confused a little later when perhaps surprised at his own oratorical powers, he started thinking about entering politics with the Christian Democrats — the same party as his long-time adversary, Concetto Lo Bello, once an international referee, now an MP).

Certainly Rivera's outburst did morale at Milan no good at all, and what followed on the Sunday took away the remnants.

There was an 80,000 crowd but ticket sale scuffles broke out before the start and there had already been more crowd trouble before the game began. Albertino Bigon put Milan ahead after 20 minutes and further disaster might have been averted had they been able to hold out. However 17 minutes into the second half Roberto Bettega equalised and all hell broke loose in the 70th minute when referee Enzo Barbaresco adjudged Bet to have brought down Bettega inside the penalty area. Giuseppe Damiani scored from the spot—2-1 to Juventus.

That was when the fire-crackers started flying—too low. One surprised Pietro Anastasi, when was then carried off, and the game disintegrated along with the crowd, with fights breaking out in various corners of the stadium—so much for seats deterring hooligans.

To make matters worse Gorin had to be carried away just before the end, bleeding profusely from the mouth, after a punch from Silvio Longobucco which the referee and linesman ignored and afterwards there were more scuffles involving players and spectators. The final count amid the crowd was four buses wrecked, 25 people injured. The only party to emerge with any kind of self-respect intact were Juventus, who fined Longobucco — booked earlier in the game for foul play — and also suspended him for a week.

The matter had to go before the League's independent examiner, Alberto Barbe, and Buticchi, trying to create a defence, blamed the referee for allowing the game to get out of hand and the police for arriving at the ground too late to be of any use beforehand.

Either way, Barbe was unimpressed. Milan, expecting to have to play their next match on neutral territory or be fined, wound up with both a two-match San Siro ban and also a nominal £135 fine as well as seeing the match awarded to Juventus 2-0.

The following week they went to Florence, to face Nereo Rocco, who by coincidence is now guiding the steps of the new Golden Boy, 20-year-old Giancarlo Antognoni. The result was a 1-1 draw. At the same time Juventus were beating Varese 3-0 and now the teams were seven points apart . . . Buticchi, Giagnoni and Rivera must wait yet another year.

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SOUTH AMERICAN ROUND-UP

by ERIC WEIL

River Plate field five newcomers and draw with Estudiantes

THE Argentine Metropolitan First Division started off with River Plate fielding five newcomers — World Cup captain Perfumo (back from Brazil), Comelles, Artico, Raimondo and Gonzales — plus winger Oscar Mas returned from Spain, while their traditional rivals, Boca Juniors, had to do without six first teamers.

River Plate, desperately trying to win their first title since 1957, brought their transfer outlay to 650 million pesos (£28 million) — though not all in hard cash — when they bought a sixth player (Reinaldi) a few days later.

River Plate started off with an excellent home display against Estudiantes de La Plata (who also bought several star players for the first time), but did everything except score against the packed La Plata defence to finish 0-0.

Unchanged Boca Juniors, on the other hand, were left without six first team players when goalkeeper Sanchez, Rogel, Garcia Cambon, Nicolau, Ferrero and Potente (internationals all) walked out the night before the opening game because they weren't satisfied with terms offered (£780 per month plus bonuses). Boca lost 2-0 to Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata after holding them 0-0 until 15 minutes from the end. At present the "rebels" still hadn't fixed up and were on offer for transfer.

A month before the season started the Argentine Players Union threatened strike action as contracts being offered them were not in accordance with the country's new labour laws covering employees. The players even wanted severance pay if their contracts were not renewed. The matter has been momentarily shelved, but neither side has backed down.

The Argentine First Division — called the Metropolitan First Division for the last eight years — is unique in that it is played under a different system each year with the number of clubs increased and decreased alternatively. Last season 18 clubs were divided into two zones (with the top two from each zone then playing off). This season 20 clubs will play each other home and away.

Clubs will this season have to play more league matches than ever before — a minimum of 53 in the Metropolitan and National Championships, but more to win the title. The result is likely to be more uninteresting matches. Last year's group system and play-off's made for more interesting matches and, furthermore, statistics show that the more matches played, the lower the average ticket sale per game. But FA officials continue to experiment to try and solve soccer's financial problems which have other causes.

Receipts

There have so far been 115 transfers between the 20 first division clubs — the transfer deadline is usually on the eve of the season but was postponed for a further week this time — but, as anticipated in last month's WORLD SOCCER, not so much hard cash was involved. Player exchange, IOU's and guaranteed gate receipts of friendlies to be played kept the transfer market rolling.

While River Plate were the biggest spenders, newly-appointed Union de Santa Fe bought virtually a new squad — 14 players (many of them stars with their former clubs) under new coach Juan Carlos Lorenzo. For the first time in their history the Santa Fe club attempted to buy success.

On the other hand, Rosario Central — who held 1974's best record as runners-up in both the Metropolitan and National Championships — are the only unchanged team. It smells of more success, but with a busy season ahead, including matches in the Libertadores Cup, coach Carlos Griguol intends forming two teams to give players a rest — one based on last year's line-up which will play in Sunday's league games and Libertadores cup matches and the other (including some promising youngsters from the junior team who have just signed their first professional contracts) to play in 13 mid-week league games already scheduled.

PERU: NO MONEY, NO TRANSPORT, NO CHAMPIONSHIP

THIS is not a market report, but money keeps coming into it.

In Peru clubs are bankrupt, many players are unable to collect their salaries and gates are down by 50 per cent in the second half of the season.

Here also officials are finding out the hard way that more clubs and more matches do not add up to more interest and bigger gates.

The 1974 first division is the biggest-ever with 22 clubs from all over the country — many hardly up to the

Estudiantes de la Plata goalkeeper Pezzano stops one of the many shots fired at him by the River Plate forwards during their opening game of the season. The "new" River Plate—on their home ground, the scheduled home of the 1978 World Cup Final—dominated the match but couldn't score. It ended 0-0.

usual first division standard — playing 42 games plus five more to win the title in a top-six end-of-season play-off (which is presently in progress with two months of 1975 already gone).

Professional soccer has lost out to amateur sports such as athletics, basketball, volleyball, baseball and gymnastics now strongly backed by the government. The emigration of World Cup stars such as Sotil, Cubillas, Munante, Salinas, Carbonell, Reyes, Mifflin and now forward Percy Rojas (just sold to Argentina's Independiente) has not helped and things are liable to get worse.

A new law limits earnings for soccer players to 1,000 dollars a month. This could dismantle teams such as those of league leaders Universitario — unbeaten in their last 32 games — whose first team players earn between 1,500 and 2,000 dollars. Big offers from abroad have been received for Chumpitaz, Ramirez and Obligado and the club will not be able to hang on to the players if it has to cut their salaries by half.

Things came to a head with two games to go before the play-offs. The championship came to a standstill when airline companies carrying teams to matches — a vital way of transport with long distances involved and few roads — suspended operations until clubs paid up fares owing to them. Debts to the two companies involved totalled 286,000 dollars.

The championship was restarted two weeks later with help from the National Institute for Physical Recreation and Sport (INRED), but this government body — now in charge of sport in Peru — said it would give no financial backing at all to next season's professional soccer championship.

So watch out for some drastic changes.

BRAZIL: HAVE THEY OR HAVEN'T THEY?

THE five big Rio de Janeiro clubs — Flamengo, Botafogo, Vasco da Gama, Fluminense and America — are in a serious financial position with debts totalling 7,200,000 dollars. Flamengo are reported to top the "league" with 3,400,000 dollars.

The Botafogo club says it may have to sell off some of its best players unless it can obtain a promised bank loan of 2,200,000 dollars soon. Players have not been paid since September and according to Brazilian law a player becomes a free agent if he has not been paid for three months.

On the other hand Fluminense just hit the transfer headlines by getting World Cup star Rivenlino from Sao Paulo Corinthians for 400,000 dollars — to be paid in cash within ten days. So have they got the money, or haven't they?

Palmeiras and Flamengo won the Sao Paulo and Rio league's 1974 championships respectively — Brazil's two major state championships — in play-offs between winners of separate rounds of each championship.

Rio de Janeiro: 1. Flamengo 2. Vasco da Gama 3. America.

Sao Paulo: (final) Palmeiras 1 (Ronaldo) Corinthians 0.

URUGUAY: FIRST TIME FOR WANDERERS

URUGUAY will be represented for the first time in the Libertadores Cup South American Championship by a team other than Peñarol and Nacional. One of the two had played in the cup since its inception in 1960 and from 1966 — when vice-champions entered the tournament also — both clubs were regular participants.

Peñarol won last season's first division with Nacional vice-champions on goal average over Liverpool, but under a new system the top six clubs have to play-off for the two cup places.

Wanderers displaced Nacional from second place in the play-off in the very last minute of the last match. Martirena scored 30 seconds from the end to give Wanderers a 2-1 victory over Nacional.

Final placings were:
1. Peñarol 9 pts., 2. Wanders 6, 3. Nacional, Danubio 5, 5. Liverpool 4, 6. Cerro 1.

Champions Peñarol managed to retain international centre-forward Fernando Morena's services on loan from Montevideo's River Plate against tough competition from River Plate of Buenos Aires who wanted to buy him for their "new" team. The player preferred to stay in Uruguay, but now Peñarol are having contract trouble with him.

Morena wants to earn 5,000 dollars a month plus bonuses and appearance money on tours (like Pele) and for Uruguay's impoverished soccer that is a bit out of this world.

Bereta transfer makes no sense

News from France by ANDRE DUCLOS

THE transfer of Georges Bereta from Saint Etienne to Olympique Marseille still makes no sense; at least from Saint Etienne's point of view. So splendid a star did he make at Marseille that it was more bewildering than ever that he should have been sold; above all at a moment when Saint Etienne were girding their loins to play in the European Cup.

The difference he made to Marseille was seen and felt almost at once. A spanking 4-0 Cup win over Nantes, no easy victim for anybody, was one of the first fruits; and just look at the tributes Bereta won! Paulo Cesar, that turbulent and unpredictable Brazilian star, had this to say: "Georges is surely the best footballer in France. He is a complete player and has a winner's temperament such as I have rarely seen on the football fields of the world."

In Paulo Cesar's view, it was Bereta who drove, inspired and transformed the team in that Nantes Cup tie. It is true that Bereta seemed to pop up, like Voltaire's Pangloss, almost everywhere, now in midfield, now at right or left full-back.

Example

Jules Zvunka, the ex-player who is now in the managerial "hot seat" of Marseille, says, "Georges is an example from every point of view. He's a player who has proved himself and who is listened to by everyone . . . Don't forget that Marseille has eight new players this season, and that unless I was a wizard, I couldn't teach these players team work. That isn't something to be created in a few days. But Bereta, for whom the word collective means something precise, brings his stone to the building."

It does indeed mean something exceedingly precise. "I'm happy at Marseille," says Bereta, "to show my new team mates that the important thing is to be 'collective' and to have a midfield which is heavily manned. Not just to break up the opposing rhythm, but still more to attack after that from every angle."

It looks more and more likely that Paulo Cesar will be winging his way home to Rio at the end of a turbulent season. Questioned on the subject, Zvunka tends to be evasive. He says he knows the Brazilian would like to go home, but all he is prepared to say is that he is a footballer of class; which is something we can see for ourselves, I suggest. Zvunka says the matter is one for his directors to decide.

What does Paulo Cesar himself say? "I shall go home at the end of the season." Just that. Since he has been going home so frequently *during* the season, it is rather hard to doubt him. He insists that it has nothing to do with the city of Marseilles, which he likes, nor the club, which he also likes.

He just happens to be home sick and Paoloa, his financée, lives in Rio. He also admits that the 50,000 franc fine imposed upon him by the club for his absences may have something to do with it. There are those who believe that Paulo Cesar will be back in Brazil *before* the end of the season.

Arrival

In the League, Bastia's extraordinary run came brutally to an end when Lyon thrashed them 8-1; surely the most astonishing result of the season. At the time of writing, there seems no obvious way in which Saint Etienne can lose the the Championship; even if Jairzinho and Paulo Cesar, rejuvenated by the arrival of Bereta, continue to bang in the goals for a Marseille team which has left it far too late.

What Marseille have and Saint Etienne pitifully haven't is an ecstatic and huge potential following. Thus, one February Sunday afternoon, when Saint Etienne were ten points ahead of Marseille, they got 11,190 fans to watch them beat Sochaux meagrely 1-0. There were 26,000 to see Jairzinho and Paulo Cesar share the three goals Marseille scored against Rennes, for whom the inevitable Pokou, carrying something of a lonely banner this season, was the scorer. Will they be able to keep this extraordinary African centre-forward from the Ivory Coast? I wonder.

Leaving

There seems little doubt that at the end of the season, whether or not Paulo Cesar is on his way to Rio, Jean March Guillou will be leaving Angers; probably for Nice. This splendid footballer, who waited so long, almost in a Jacob and Laban situation, to play for Angers' first team, and is nof the outstanding native born player in France, is determined to go; as he nearly did last summer. But he is also determined to keep Angers in the First Division, and that is by no means so easy. As things stand, it is hard to see how they can possibly stay up; and it is totally inconceivable that Guillou, after so much time waiting in the wings, would ever be content playing in Division Two.

Prolific

The most prolific forward of the season has been Delio Onnis, of Monaco, who had 23 goals in the bag by early February. In the contemporary manner, he modestly attributed his remarkable success to the support of his team mates, but while it cannot be denied that football is a team game, it is equally plain that Onnis himself is an amazing opportunist.

Last season, the 27-year-old, Roman-born Onnis scored 23 goals. His achievement this season is the more remarkable in that the Argentinian international veteran, Pastoriza, has frequently been absent. What a pity that only two or three thousand fans ever watch his scoring feats in that small, jewelled Monaco stadium above the sea.

Honour

As you know, the Parc des Princes has been given the honour of staging the European Cup Final of 1975. But what is to be done about the state of the field, which is appalling? When Lyon played a cup match there recently and their players examined it before the kick-off, one of them, Bernard Lhomme, said: "A pitch like that should be forbidden by Social Security!"

Elie Wermlinger, who was Director of the old Parc des Princes for eight years, sympathises with problems which he had himself in 1959. It is hard to drain the pitch, he points out, because of the electric cables laid underneath; and he wonders if an artificial surface isn't the answer.

LOOKING BACK ON AN ERA WITH A TWINGE OF SENTIMENT

CHARLIE COOKE (Scotland and Chelsea) says...

IT IS FAR too soon to write about the soccer "pop" age with perspective. Even now guys still succumb to attacks of extreme nausea when they become involved in any of its "in" words. It is certainly not as dead as the ancient sport of three day county cricket, but I must say that I am beginning to look back on football's golden era with just a twinge of sentiment.

At one stage it became almost boring, although definitely flattering to the guys who had made more money than they ever dreamed of.

It was essentially a five year period, and started to creep into its coffin in August 1971. Huge chunks of the national cake had come the game's way, and the newspapers were quick to make melodrama out of stories of internal club politics.

Misguided

It was an era of misguided excess and satire and above all super-stars. It was the generation of flowers and hair, which although fine in its initial stage finally corrupted even its elders with its lack of taste.

1967 was the everest of the younger generation, and although this obsession with youth continued it eventually became less and less an affair of youth itself.

The words soccer superstar in their progression towards respectability meant first clothes, then idolatry, then business. Basically the whole scene must associate itself with an acute state of nervous stimulation, like a man trying to do ten things and in fact achieving nothing.

Honest

The truly honest guys of this game, who believe in some kind of morality, obviously did not realise even in 1966 when it all started, that they would be served by hustlers and wheeler-dealers.

Contrary to public opinion, the soccer scene of the middle and late Sixties had no effect upon the morals of the supporters. On the whole the social beliefs of certain people in control were and still are both timid and banal—for example no magazine or newspaper mirrored even faintly the new soccer idol until 1966, and then when saturation point was reached it ceased to be news. The swinging soccer Sixties raced along like an express train with carriages full of money.

Then just before 1970 the people over thirty-five and the people of even fifty, fed-up with watching the fairground atmosphere, and quick to show their envy, attempted to join the merry-go-round.

Nuisance

By 1970 the almost universal mass-media pre-occupation with the sex life of a certain soccer super-star had become an irritating nuisance. These "gay sections" of soccer society were dividing themselves into two definite distinct factions. One the 1930s reactionary, and the other much smaller Chelsea set, (not the Chelsea I hasten to add of Colin Wilson).

The 1930s' crowd maintained every one was becoming soft and flabby, although England had won the World Cup and Celtic and Manchester United and European Cup. In fact, other sports such as golf, once considered in the 1920s as an effeminate game, had via men like Tony Jacklin and Lee Trevino become as physically demanding as boxing.

In 1967 this mammoth neurosis began to become violent, climaxing I suppose in the World Club Championship Final between Celtic and Racing Club where players spat and pulled the hair under opponents' arm-pits. And then, in 1971 the soccer "pop" age decided to have one more illogical fling.

Unemployment, now nearly one million, did not prevent the mass media making the referees' purge their number one story. In a way it all seems very much like an ineffectual comedy without any fun.

Nothing has prevented money and power falling into the hands of the wrong people. After years of trying, life in soccer has finally become like the race in "Alice in Wonderland" where there was a prize for everyone.

Mixed-up

The soccer "pop" age has had a wild youth and a crazy mixed-up middle. But I am afraid it could not go on. Somebody or some people somewhere had blundered and the most extravagant sporting orgy now seems to be over.

It has ended. But in retrospect the whole scene was essentially a paradise for fools. Of course it was all romantic and glamorous and guys everywhere were doing "their thing", but none of us will be young forever and as such everything has to end or at least stagger slowly into an unwanted grave.

How it will all turn out is of course another matter as people from all walks of life attempt to find out how relevant professional football is to today's insecure society.

Bayern cut prices for home games

IF there was such an institution as an advanced school for commercial managers of football clubs, and one of the questions on their examination papers would be: What would you do, if in one season your club had won the national championship (for the third time in a row), the European Cup and provided half the side which won the World Cup?

The answer from every one of the budding business wizards in soccer management would be: "I would raise admission charges to cash-in on the fame of the club and the popularity of the players". That would of course be the only logical answer. But in football there is often no logic at all. And thus we come to the most bizarre story of this, or any other, year.

Bayern Munich, who have won the national championship three times in succession, and the European Cup for the first time for their country, and provided half the team which triumphed in the World Cup, have actually reduced their admission charges to combat the slump in attendances! And this, to make this story seem even more incredible, is not by any means symptomatic of the current trend in West Germany.

Increased

For the top clubs in the *Bundesliga* are still enjoying a boom, and report increased gates. Overall, there is an improvement on last year by some 3 per cent. Bayern, however, are no longer the top club, although they drew 80,000 fans in Berlin, where they lost to Hertha 1-4!

And it could have been even worse, had not international goalkeeper Sepp Maier saved a penalty. Whilst Hertha's treasurer rubbed his hands in glee, after collecting over £100,000 in receipts from this match alone, Bayern, the champions, have been forced to halve admission prices to get more spectators.

The best seats in the Olympic stadium were reduced to £1.55, while only 50p was charged for standing on the terraces. For the game against VfB Stuttgart, Bayern even sent 5,000 tickets to the local labour exchange, to be distributed free among the unemployed! The result: a crowd of 63,000 turned out to see the 1-1 draw.

Even for the European Cup quarter-final game against Russian champions Ararat Erevan, the Bavarians have reduced prices by 20 per cent. A depressing run, in which the title holders registered only one win in nine matches, has forced the hand of the management.

Berti Vogts, the very experienced West German full back.

New coach Dettmar Cramer obviously needs time to adjust and above all to restore sagging confidence even among the world stars.

For captain Franz Beckenbauer it has been a nightmare start to the New Year. First he was warned by UEFA for having made a rude gesture to the crowd during the international in Malta. Then he conceded two own goals in successive matches! And finally he was threatened with a law suit, for making derogatory remarks about a referee.

Suspended

But it appears that even the referees can be penalised in West Germany if they step out of line against the players! Referee Hans Wahmann, who verbally insulted World Cup star Jürgen Grabowski, was suspended by the Football Federation (DFB) for four weeks! During the match Eintracht Frankfurt — Bayern Munich, Grabowski, the captain of Frankfurt, gently tapped the referee on the shoulder, after being fouled by Roth, and asked: "This was surely a foul". But Herr Wamann turned angrily and shouted: "Take your hands off me, you filthy old bird"! Now the referee will know better, than to insult players.

Bayern's tale of woe was nearly complete, when they were knocked out of the DFB Cup, and at home at that, by modest MSV Duisburg 2-3. And the Duisburgers led by 3-0, before the recently signed Swedish defender Andersson and Roth (penalty) reduced the arrears. Naturally, the internal and playing crisis at Bayern still provides the sports scribes with the biggest stories.

Statisticians have worked out that the famous Munich club has engaged 37 new players in the last five years and that most of them have already left! A typical comment, widely quoted, came from the forward Erwin Hadewicz, 23, who joined the club in 1973 and departed recently for VfB Stuttgart: "One of the big stars will have to drop dead, before I get a regular first team place at Bayern".

Report from

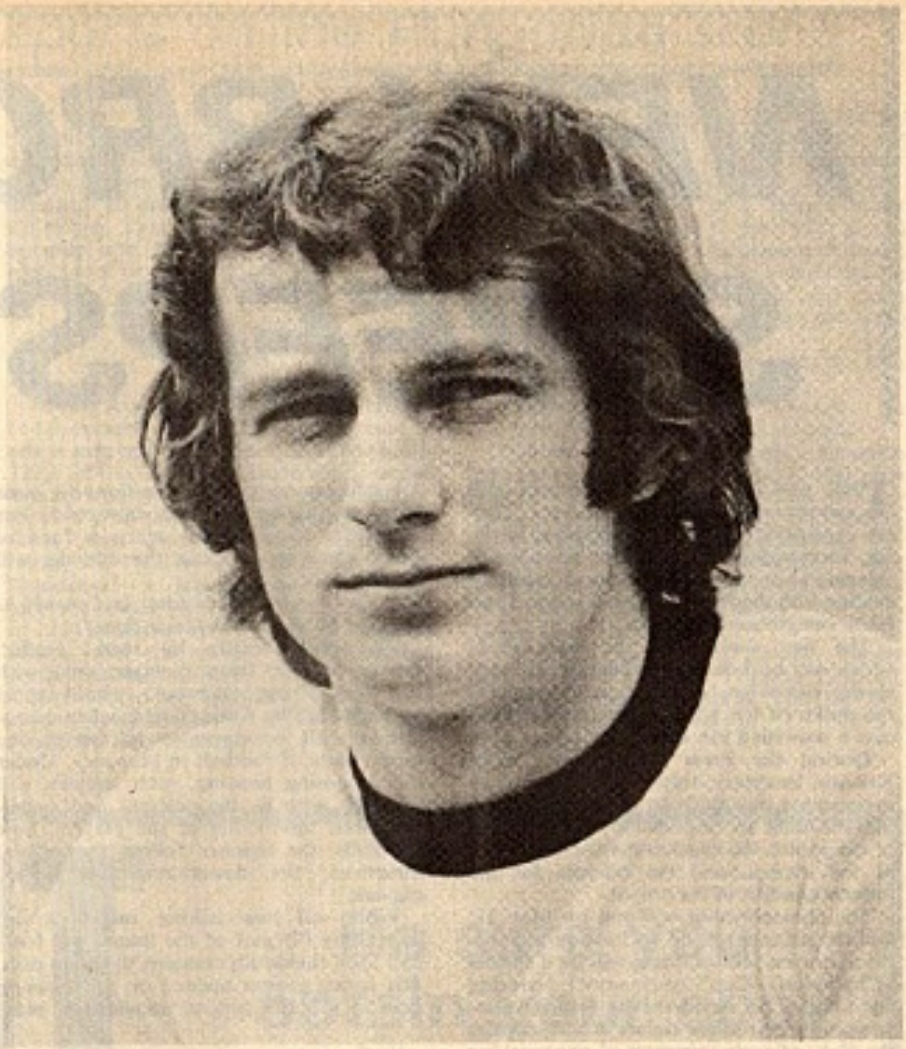
ARTHUR ROTMIL

Even the two most expensive signings, Klaus Wunder and Jupp Kapellmann (each cost about £130,000, nearly a record in Germany), spend most of their time on the reserve bench. But why should they worry, since Bayern pay even their reserves about £2,000 a month!

In order to spur his stars to an all-out effort, the club president Wilhelm Neudecker is now threatening: "I will buy any player who comes on the market. Nobody should be complacent enough to think that he as a permanent first team place here". How much these exhortations will help remains to be seen. In any case, the last date for transfers for this season has expired (December 31). Until July no club in West Germany is allowed to engage new players!

In the championship the battle for honours is now like in England, the tightest ever. After a poor start Borussia Mönchengladbach have shot to the top by winning their "games in hand" during the mid-winter break. Now the Weisweiler outfit have nearly all their players available, it is difficult to see any other team who could prove consistent enough to dislodge the Gladbacher.

Apart from the tried and experienced internationals like Berti Vogts and Herbert Wimmer, plus, of course World Cup star Rainer Bonhof, Borussia owe a lot to the two great Danes, Jensen and Simonsen. And recently Jupp Heynckes has at last found his shooting boots and now — as I write — lies level with the famous Swede Roland Sandberg (Kaiserslautern) at the top of the league goalscorers list, each with 16 goals.



Rainer Bonhof, who played for West Germany against England at Wembley last month.

Two-point

Borussia, who at the end of February had opened a two-point gap at the top, are being tipped for the title by most experts including the national manager Helmut Schön.

Borussia's main rivals are currently Kickers Offenbach and Hertha Berlin, with Schalke in close attendance, but only five points separate the leading eight clubs. At the other end of the scale were Tennis Borussia (Berlin) and Wuppertaler SV, already seven points adrift of the teams above them and virtually certain for the drop into the second division.

The exploits of Offenbach under manager Otto Rehhagel (36), the former Kaiserslautern player and assistant coach in Offenbach to the famous Hungarian Gyula Lorant, from whom he took over, are also a big talking point. The team is particularly strong on their own "Bieberer Berg", where in ten matches they won nine and drew one.

Their veteran star Sigi Held and above all their new international centre-forward Erwin Kostedde are chiefly responsible for their rise to the top. Kostedde has, in fact, been as much in the limelight recently, as Gerd Müller of old. For his stupendous goal against Borussia Mönchengladbach was voted "Goal of the Year 1974".

This and similar polls are very popular in Germany, but not only the experts, journalists or managers take part in electing their "players of the season". The readers of all kinds of publications are also invited to cast their votes for the most popular stars. A poll conducted by the country's largest and most prestigious sports paper, *Kicker-Sportmagazin*, brought the following results for eight team positions. Most popular goalkeeper: Rudi Kargus (Hamburger SV); full-back: Berti Vogts (Borussia Mönchengladbach); centre-back: Karl-Heinz Körbel (Eintracht Frankfurt); Libero: Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern); midfield: Rainer Bonhof (Borussia M.G.); inside-forward: Gerd Müller (Bayern); outside-right: Josef Pirrung (Kaiserslautern); outside-left: Sigi Held (Offenbach).

The cup has provided an unusual crop of surprises, with rank outsiders, especially amateurs, eliminating the big guns. Whilst record cup winners Bayern fell in the third round, no fewer than four amateur clubs have reached the last 16! The biggest sensation created by Viktoria Cologne, who put out Eintracht on their own ground in Brunswick by 2-1. Thus Eintracht became the third Bundesliga club dismissed by amateurs — after Offenbach's crash in Solingen and Hamburg's debacle in Eppingen. Already ten clubs from the Bundesliga have gone out.

There was justifiable jubilation in the city of Cologne, who managed to get three clubs into the fourth round: F.C. Cologne, Fortuna Cologne and Viktoria Cologne. On the other hand, both the Munich clubs fell by the wayside — apart from Bayern, also TSV 1860, who went down in Pirmasens by 2-4. Except for their tough draw, away to Fortuna Düsseldorf, most experts fancied F.C. Cologne for the cup. After a shaky start in the championship, the Rheinlanders came back in great style.

Their famous schemer Wolfgang Overath is playing better than even in the World Cup, while in centre-forward Dieter Müller (nomen est omen?) they found a new goalscoring star. With Flohe and Simmet supporting Overath, and the defence ably marshalled by the international Bernd Cullmann, Cologne are still a good bet for the double.

NEW BROOM SWEEPS ON

THE new Hungarian F.A. broom still sweeps with unabashed vigour. They are organizing, planning, supervising, advising, rearranging etc., and even more head-spinning etceteras. Of the mass of literature dealing with the reforms, I have selected two fairly comprehensible pieces.

The first deals with the F.A. Press which was held before the beginning of the spring campaign, and the other explains the duties of the visiting watchdogs who'll cast a searching eye over each club.

During the Press Conference, Jozsef Krizsan, Secretary, told us that the league programme was made by a computer, and that the clubs are responsible for the staging of the games, the coaches for the behaviour of the players, and the referees for the orderly conduct of the crowd.

The championship will end on May 31, and the players will be on holiday in June. Prior to next season, there will be a special "Champion's Cup" tournament featuring eight clubs. He stated that in future, transfers won't be ratified unless a club notifies the F.A. of their intention of approaching a player and his club. (*This is an interesting attempt to stop "go-betweens" making illegal approaches to players on behalf of clubs, or as it is often the case, merely making a provincial player feel dissatisfied by hinting that someone else is interested in him*).

Schedules

Krizsan said that there is no need to draw up guide lines for the coaches—they have to follow the same training schedules that were previously recommended to them by the F.A. Lajos Barotti, Chairman of the F.A. Coaching Committee stated that he was satisfied with the progress made regarding stamina and running ability, but ball-control and tactical awareness must also improve.

He announced that in future, Division One clubs must not play friendly matches against teams lower than Division II status. As from next autumn, teams not involved in the three important UEFA tournaments will play friendlies on the same dates against Polish, East German and Czech opponents.

Finally, Istvan Zsolt, on behalf of the whistlers, promised us stricter refereeing in future, without too much interference with the flow of play. The referees will pay special attention to enforcing the laws when free-kicks are taken—players who are reluctant to take up positions 10 yards from the kicker must be cautioned. For deliberate tactical fouls when a forward has a clear run at goal, the offender will be sent-off!

(*This is an excellent idea, and should be adopted by the International Board*).

An article written by Jozsef Hoffer, former national team manager, deals with the work of the supervisors, who'll report on each club by April. This is when a conference will be conveyed to discuss the moral state of football in Hungary. Under this imposing heading, such subjects will be dealt with as the cultural and social-conscious upbringing of the players, how faithfully the coaches follow the official directives, the development of junior players.

While all this talking might be an interesting (?) part of the menu, the football itself thankfully remains the main dish. The spring season opened on a promising note of a better general standard of play, an increased tempo and bags of enthusiasm.

The most startling feature of the first two rounds was the sudden—or perhaps temporary—decline of Ujpest Dozsa. The lilac-and-whites travelled to Pecs brimming with confidence, and came away beaten 4-2!

The most unlikely hero of the match was Pal Dardai, the young unknown midfielder of the home team. Dardai slammed four goals past the hapless Dozsa keeper, Szigethi—one, a penalty, given for a foul on him by Peter Juhasz. Dardai was awarded ten-out-of-ten" by the "Nepsport" reporter —only the third player in the last five years to be so highly rated. (Pancsics and Rapp were the others).

A week later, Dozsa fought out a 1-1 draw at Salgotarjan in an excellent match. However, they dropped three times as many points in two games as during the entire autumn campaign!

While Bene & Co. faltered, Honved prospered. In the absence of the suspended

Kiss of Hungary in action against Hansen of Luxembourg.

Leslie Vernon reports on the Hungarian scene

top-scorer Kozma, Dr. Lakat fielded a young forward-line, and with the expert backing of Kocsis and Szucs, it functioned to perfection. Victories against Bekescsaba (2-0) and the "new" club MTK-VM (3 1) took the lads from Kispest into contention for the title—the gap between them and Dozsa has been reduced to two points.

The outstanding form of defender Szucs and the hitherto erratic and unrealiable Kocsis has been perhaps the most pleasing feature of the upsurge of Honved. Szucs could still claim a place on the left flank of the national team's defence, and the mid-field cries out for a 'play-maker' of the class and vision of the richly talented Kocsis.

I know that he has been tried and has failed before, but now he might appreciate and fully exploit another opportunity.

I have sung the praises of coach Dr Karoly Lakat before, and his work at Honved has merely confirmed my belief that he is the best club manager in Hungary. Wherever he goes he gets results—no mean achievement. Vasas also opened with two consecutive wins. Gass, Ku and Izso got their goals against Tatabanya (3-1), Vidats, Gass and Kimjati scored against Csepel (3-2).

Six goals and four points lifted the Hungarian "Hammers" above the relegation candidates. This sorry bunch consists of five provincial clubs, but only one of them will go into Division II at the end of the season. Two clubs will be promoted to bring-up the number of First Division contenders to the required 16.

Prolific

At this stage, it seems that either Haladas or Bekescsaba will be the fall-guys, but no-one is safe in the bottom half of the table. Three of the four Cup quarter-finals ended in a draw and had to be decided by penalty-kicks. Vasas, once again in prolific scoring form, beat Pecs 4-1, but Dozsa (v. Diosgyor), Haladas (v. Beckescsaba), and Tatabanya (v. Kimlo) merely squeezed into the semis with the Russian roulette of the penalty torture method. Dozsa's contest was the closest—they needed a second series of kicks to win 6-5!

Ferencvaros are fighting to stay in their currently comfortable third position, which should be good enough for a UEFA-Cup place. Their 3-1 victory at Malmoe was an outstanding result. The Swedes are no great shakes, but they do have Bo Larsson and Tapper in the side, and on paper, looked good enough for a narrow home win. It would be nice to see Fradi in the Final of a European tournament. They've done it twice before in the Fairs Cup. In 1965 they beat Juventus 1-0, and three years later, they were beaten by the same aggregate score by Leeds.

This squad of 28 was named for the full-international v. France:

Goalkeepers: Meszaros (Vasas), L. Kovacs (Videoton), Szigethi (Ujpest).

Defenders: Kolar (Ujpest), Kelemen (Honved), J. Nagy (Videoton), Harsanyi (Ujpest), Horvath (Ujpest), Balint (Ferencvaros), E. Dunai (Ujpest), J. Toth (Pecs), Juhasz (Ujpest), Mucha (Ferencvaros).

Midfield: Halmosi (Haladas), Kiss (MTK-VM), Kocsis (Honved), Karsai (Videoton), Csapo (Tatabanya), A. Toth (Upjest), Pinter (Honved).

Forwards: Kozma (Honved), Penzes (Raba), Bene (Ujpest), Fazekas (Ujpest), L. Nagy (Ujpest), Becsei (MTK-VM), Branikovits (Ferencvaros), I. Kovacs (Salgotorjan).

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ITALY BEAT LOWLY NORWAY

International Post-Mortem by ERIC BATTY

Italy 4 Norway 1

THE Italian team manager Dr. Fulvio Bernardini, appointed after the World Cup flop, has at last obtained a win following two defeats (0-1 v Yugoslavia and 1-3 v Holland) and a 0-0 draw, at home in Genoa against mediocre Bulgaria. The home-based critics were delighted with "on the right path at last" being a typical comment, after Italy had beaten Norway 4-1.

Only 35,000 saw the game in Florence. The Italians looked impressive, particularly in the first half. Graziani opened the scoring after 17 minutes and Chinaglia increased Italy's lead to 2-0 at the interval. After the break, Bellugi took over as *libero* from Facchetti, who moved to left back, while Re Cecconi replaced the young Florentine midfield star Antognoni and Bologna's Savoldi replaced Chinaglia.

More goals were added by Savoldi and Cordova (who was one of the stars) and with Italy ahead 4-0 with only eight minutes left, Fuglseth scored from the penalty spot to give Norway their consolation goal.

Malcolm MacDonald scores England's second goal against West Germany at Wembley. Full report next month.

Competitive

At their fourth attempt Italy thus obtained a win and if they did look impressive one must allow for the fact that the opposition had not kicked a competitive ball for three months and can hardly be classed as formidable opposition.

Perhaps the most intriguing feature of it all, however, is the strange selection of Dr. Bernardini. One assumed that when he took over he was charged with building a new, young team but though there are one or two exceptions, the players that beat Norway are certainly not young. Dina Zoff and Giacinto Facchetti are both 33, and even Luciano Castellini who came on as a substitute for Zoff against Norway is 29. In addition, Giuseppe Savoldi is 28 and Franco Cordova is already 30.

It now seems clear that Bernardini's aim was to rebuild the side, not necessarily with young players but without Gianni Rivera who is 31 and Luigi Riva (30) who were rightly considered to have let Italy down in the World Cup. Another player, presumably bracketed with Rivera and Riva, though quite unfairly for he was probably the only Italian to preserve his reputation last summer is Sandro Mazzola. Now 32, also has been consistently omitted.

Italy has had their win but all the indications are that they have still not solved their problems and they are a long way from finding a team that will do well in 1978 which appeared to be Bernardini's task.

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Italy (2) 4 (Graziani, Chinaglia, Savoldi, Cordova)
Norway (0) 1 (Fugleset pen.)

Italy: Zoff; Bini, Gentile, Facchetti, Rocca, Cordova, Antognoni, Capello, Graziani, Chinaglia, Bettega. Subs. used: Castellini, Bellugi, Martini, Re Cecconi, Savoldi.

Norway: E. Johansen; Hansen, Gos, Birkeland, Grondalen, T. E. Johansen, Hammer (Sotheo), Hoyland (Olsen), Fugleset, T. Lund, Hestad.

Malta 2 Greece 0

GREECE arrived in Valetta as leaders of their European championship qualifying group, having taken three points from Bulgaria and drawn 2-2 with West Germany in Athens.

Greece made six changes from the side that held West Germany bringing back the Panathinaikos centre forward Antoniadis to play with the support of their two veterans Dimitrios Domazos and Mimis Papaioannou.

The Maltese clearly had their confidence boosted when they held West Germany to a 1-0 win just before Christmas and they gave the visitors a rough ride that certainly was not expected.

No doubt the Greeks did not find the playing surface at the Gzira stadium to their liking, but Italian team manager Terenzio Polverini had drawn up a tight defensive system in front of goalkeeper Gatt who had an excellent game.

The Greeks were clearly in some difficulty early on but when 20-year-old Richard Aquilina scored after 32 minutes the game seemed to swing beyond their reach. This was only Aquilina's second international, having gone on as a substitute against West Germany.

Malta defended in depth and combined with keep-ball tactics in midfield this made the Greeks more and more frustrated. The game was hard, but not unreasonable so and in a breakaway attack ten minutes from the end right winger Maxi Magro scored with a shot from an impossible angle to put the result beyond all doubt.

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Malta (1) 2 (Aquilina, Magro)
Greece (0) 0

Malta: Gatt; Cassar, Vella, Darmanin, Holland, Vassallo, Azzopardi (Seychell), Camilleri, Magro, Xuereb, Aquilina.

Greece: Konstantinou; Pallas, Tossifidis, Sinkos, Firos, Dimitrios (Paridis) (Nikolaiou), Papaioannou, Domazos, Sarafis, Antoniadis, Kritikopoulos.

The Universitario players in a training session.

Universitario—record breakers!

from PAUL RADFORD in Peru

THE Lima club, Universitario de Deportes, has shown an amazing propensity for record-breaking during the current season in Peru.

A 1-0 victory over nearest rival, Union Huaral, not only virtually assured Universitario of its 15th league title—a Peruvian record — but extended "U"'s unbeaten league run to 34 matches, believed to be a South American record.

The achievement is even more amazing because during the season "U" has sold four international players. J.J. Munante, Felix Salinas and Carlos Carbonell went to Mexico while centre-forward Percy Rojas is now leading the attack of Eopa Libertadores champions, Independiente of Buenos Aires.

For "U", as the club is universally known throughout Peru, it has been quite a year and a fitting way to celebrate a fiftieth anniversary.

Strength

Founded in 1924 as a team of students, Universitario entered the league championship in 1928 and within one year had annexed its first league title. Since then the club has gone on from strength to strength and shares with arch-rival Alianza Lima, the honour of being Peru's most popular team.

While Alianza hail from the poorer quarter of Lima and are mainly supported by blacks, "U" is considered to be Lima's "white" team.

Yet, strangely enough, it is a black who has had much to do with "U"'s success in recent years—captain and sweeper, Hector Chumpitaz. While the club has been busy selling off its stars, "Chumpi" has been declared unavailable for transfer and has now been with the club almost nine years.

Despite the sale of star players, Universitario still has an impressive list of international figures. Apart from sweeper Chumpitaz, now 32 but still playing as well as ever, the club has two excellent strikers in Ramirez and Oblitas, a brilliant young midfield player in Aparicio and one of Peru's best defenders, right-back, Soria.

With an eye to the forthcoming Copa Libertadores in which "U" are pitted against local rival, Union Huaral, and top Uruguayan teams, Penarol and Wanderers the club has made a number of shrewd buys to strengthen the first team squad.

Midfield

The most important signing is undoubtedly Enrique Rojas, 23, one of the country's best midfield players who has been appearing for Sport Boys of Callao. "U" has also strengthened one of its weak points with the acquisition of Ottorino Sarter from Atletico Chalaco, widely considered to be Peru's top goalkeeper.

For all its success, Universitario, like all Peruvian clubs, has suffered from the dramatic drop in league attendances this season. "U"'s average gates have fallen to 15-20,000 where they used to be twice that figure—a factor which has contributed to the need to sell players abroad.

The club has also been forced to trim the number of sports it runs. Although "U" is South American table tennis champion and accommodates basketball, volleyball and even aqualung diving teams, other sports such as athletics and swimming have been pruned.

The club has its own soccer stadium, the 20,000 capacity Lolo Fernandez stadium, but the pitch is used mainly for training. Universitario prefers to play at the much larger Estadio Nacional. Just as well, really, because the Lolo Fernandez pitch was badly churned up last year when a small plane had to make an emergency landing.

Universitario is certainly a force to be reckoned with in this season's Copa Libertadores. With nine appearances in the competition to date, "U" is one of the most experienced of South American clubs and, in fact, has gained more points in the Copa Libertadores than any other club, except for Penarol and Nacional of Uruguay.

The club's best achievement was in 1972 when it lost 2-1 on aggregate to Independiente in the final.

Victories

This year "U" could do even better. Recent victories 3-0 over Independiente and 1-0 against Nacional in friendlies show the club can beat any team on its day. But Universitario's technical director Juan Eduardo Hohberg, who was in charge of the Uruguayan national side in the 1970 World Cup, sees certain problems. The players have no chance to rest between the end of the Peruvian league season and the opening Copa Libertadores matches.

Meanwhile, in its own inimitable style, Universitario claims two more records. All its present directors have been with the club as players since they were boys, and the club believes it once undertook the world's longest football tour. In 1933 the team went to Europe and played more than 30 matches in a trip lasting nearly six months. And that's one record "U" is likely to hold forever.

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RWD LOSE UNBEATEN RECORD...

RWD MOLENBEEK'S gallant run in Belgium was stretched to 30 unbeaten matches — but it ended when lowly Diest beat them 2-0 in the 27th match of the current season. And when Anderlecht caught up with their postponed fixture against Standard Liege and won 3-0, they cut the leader's points advantage to four.

Even so RWD's performance was a good one and gives them the Jules Pappaert trophy which was previously held by Waregem who had gone 26 games without defeat. RWD had finished off last season with four matches undefeated and the 26 of the present season made the total of 30.

The Pappaert trophy dates back some 22 years and was instituted in the spirit of the captain of Union St. Gilloise who led his team to 60 consecutive unbeaten games between 1933 and 1935. And though RWD's performance is just half the number, in the more exciting defensive nature of the modern game it ranks as highly.

Diest also had a good showing in the quarter-finals of the Belgian Cup, winning away 1-0 to St. Trond. In the same competition Standard and Antwerp went to extra time in sharing six goals, as did Anderlecht who had to thank substitute Jan Verheyen for a goal in the second period of extra time to defeat Beringen. RWD beat Beveren 3-0.

It has been a mixed time for Francois Vander Elst, the Anderlecht and Belgian international. After a period off form and out of the side with illness he scored three goals in a league win against Beringen 4-0 to reach his fifteenth goal of the season.

But then came two odd experiences in England for him. The first was when he was due to play for the Belgian Army against the British Army at Aldershot in the Kentish Cup. He contacted a high temperature and was left out. The Belgians won 2-0. Then in the first leg of the European Cup against Leeds United he fell ill in a similar way, but played only to miss two reasonable scoring chances and Anderlecht were beaten 3-0!

A useful individual performance came from Alfred Riedl, the Austrian-born striker of Antwerp who scored four of his team's seven goals in the 7-1 win over Olympic Montignies.

Finally a condemnation of the yellow card system by Rik Coppens the trainer of Beerschot. "They amuse me. Practically always it is only the innocents who get them."

PSV slump

PSV's lead in the Dutch championship finally disappeared when they drew their eighth game of the season at Haarlem 1-1. On the same day Feyenoord's 1-0 win over Ajax in Amsterdam put the champions back on top thanks to superior goalscoring as they had 71 goals to PSV's 58 with both teams having conceded 20 goals.

A crowd of 64,000 saw Feyenoord win thanks to a lone goal by Wim Van Hanegem, his tenth of the season and with Ajax's local rivals FC Amsterdam having beaten Ajax earlier 4-2 after being two goals behind at one time it seems that it will be a two-horse race from now on.

Ajax are also going on a trip to Indonesia at the end of May, playing three matches in Java and Sumatra. Unfortunately this clashes with Holland's match with Yugoslavia and the club will not want to be deprived of their best players.

Willy Van der Kuylen, of PSV, the top scorer in Holland this season has been stuck on 21 goals for a few weeks now and with 203 goals to his credit is only two behind the most prolific scorer of all time in Holland, Van der Linden with 205 goals. In third place is Henk Groot (196) and Johan Cruyff (182) is fourth.

PSV Eindhoven also suffered a severe reverse in the Dutch Cup, losing to the then bottom of the table Wageningen 3-2. Feyenoord also lost interest in the third round when they were beaten 2-0 by Twente.

Mixed fortune for FC Amsterdam, conquerors of Ajax and 6-0 winners in another league game over De Graafschap. During this latter match their leading scorer Nico Jansen scored five goals. But in the UEFA Cup away to Cologne they crashed by 5-1 themselves and were hit by fines from the Dutch FA to two of their players and trainer after some rough play in Germany.

National team manager Georg Knobel has a four-year contract with the FA and is busy building up for the forthcoming European Championship matches after a friendly with West Germany, in a match which puts the 1974 World Cup finalists together.

Greece lose

HUMILIATION for Greece in Malta in their European Championship match ending in a 2-0 defeat.

National team coach Alkestas Panagoulias had been optimistic about the outcome previously and justified indeed after points had been taken off Bulgaria and West Germany in earlier matches.

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But his team probably included too many old hands and the ages of veterans like Domazos (34), Antoniadis (31) and Papaioannau (33) were against them. Papaioannou was incidentally, making his fiftieth appearance for his country, way ahead of any rival, past or present, of course.

In the championship Olympiakos still have a point lead over AEK Athens, both teams having now lost one match. Third-placed Ethnikos lost their second match of the season 2-0 against Panionios.

Olympiakos have been badly hit by the resignation of their President, the millionaire Nikos Goulandris and made heavy work of beating bottom of the table Kavala thanks to a goal by Milton Viera, their Uruguayan international.

In the Salonika derby watched by 40,000, PAOK beat Aris 5-0 and another side who went nap were Panathinaikos who beat Volos 5-1 with goals from Antoniadis (3) and Domazos (2). But they could not manage one between them when on duty for Greece against Malta. . . .

Benfica top

BENFICA appear to be marching confidently towards the Portuguese championship three points ahead of Sporting Lisbon. Porto who had made the early running in the league appear to have collapsed completely.

Benfica's 3-0 win at Oporto was almost the final straw and then Porto were beaten 2-0 at Guimaraes.

Eusebio has made a come-back after injury for Benfica, too. He had a run out with the reserves when they beat Atletico 3-1 and figured in the 0-0 draw at Eindhoven against the Dutch club PSV in Europe.

Benfica's chief threat now seem to be Eporting Lisbon, their eternal rivals.

Despite missing Hector Yazalde a couple of times because of injury, Sporting have been displaying good form of late.

Against Leixoes they won 5-2 and Yazalde celebrated his return with four goals to boost his total to 25 this season, almost twice as many as his nearest rival in the scoring charts.

The national team arrived in Brazil to play a local selection in Goiania. Despite Octavio giving the visitors a four-minute lead, the Goias selection equalised through Lincoln and five minutes before the end Tiura, who had come on as a substitute, scored the winner, in the Estadio Serra Dourada, watched by a huge crowd of 76,718.

Critics in Portugal have been hailing this as a national disaster and it seems that the bliss which existed after Portugal had drawn 0-0 at Wembley last year is rapidly evaporating.

Felix Week, the RWD trainer.

MAN of the moment in Italy is certainly Savoldi, the Bologna striker. Beppe, as he is known, celebrated his 250th First Division game by scoring his 100th goal in Italian League football against Gagliari. It came from the penalty spot, his fourth spot kick success this season.

Twenty-eight-year-old Savoldi made his debut for Atlanta in 1965-66 season against Fiorentina but had to wait until the game with Lazio in October 1966 before he scored his first goal. He scored 17 goals in 57 games for them, before joining Bologna. Now his tally with his present club is 83 in 193 matches.

Savoldi was also one of 16 players tried in the international with Norway, which the Italians won 4-1. Savoldi came on as a second half substitute and scored a goal. World Cup favourites (?) like Zoff, Facchetti, Capello and Chinaglia played but there were six debutants in the squad who actually appeared.

Juventus are still four points clear at the top of the First Division championship table despite dropping points to teams like Sampdoria at home and away to Ascoli, both of whom are in the cellar.

Ascoli got themselves off the foot of the table by winning 1-0 away to Inter-Milan of all opponents, thanks to a goal in 35 minutes by Massimo Silva and the following week entertained the league leaders Juventus before a crowd of 40,000. This was quite an attendance because the town's population is only 50,000. But the match ended scoreless.

In the Milan derby — 172nd in the series — Inter were beaten by three clear goals by AC Milan, but veteran striker Roberto Boninsegna has now completed his 100th league goal for Inter alone in his sixth season with them — quite a record in Italian circles.

LEAGUE TABLES

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mönchengladbach	**23**	**13**	**6**	**4**	**54**	**28**	**32**
Hertha BSC	23	12	6	5	42	27	30
Köln	23	12	5	6	49	35	29
Hamburger SV	23	12	5	6	36	23	29
Kickers Offen.	23	13	3	7	51	41	29
Eintr. Frankfurt	23	11	6	6	62	32	28
Schalke 04	23	11	5	7	38	23	27
E. Braunschweig	23	11	5	7	39	29	27
VfL Bochum	23	12	2	9	38	33	26
Fort. Düsseldorf	23	9	7	7	35	37	25
Rot-Weiss Essen	23	7	8	8	38	44	22
MSV Duisburg	23	9	4	10	41	50	22
Kaiserslautern	23	9	2	12	42	41	20
Bayern München	23	8	4	11	38	48	20
Werder Bremen	23	6	5	12	28	46	17
VfB Stuttgart	23	5	4	14	30	52	14
Tennis Borussia	23	3	3	17	29	65	9
Wuppertaler SV	23	2	4	17	20	56	9

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ol. Piriieus	**21**	**15**	**5**	**1**	**38**	**10**	**35**
AEK Athen	21	13	7	1	40	8	33
PAOK	21	13	5	3	47	15	31
Ethnikos	21	12	7	2	33	15	31
Panathinaikos	21	10	8	3	33	19	28
Kastoria	21	9	5	7	30	35	23
Iannina	21	8	5	8	26	25	21
Panachaiki	21	6	8	7	24	23	20
Iraklis	21	6	8	7	26	25	20
Aris	21	7	6	8	23	28	20
Atromitos	21	6	7	8	15	23	19
Panseraikos	21	4	10	7	11	18	18
Panionios	21	6	6	9	20	28	18
Ol. Volos	21	6	2	13	20	41	14
Kalamata	21	5	4	12	15	41	14
Aigaleo	21	6	0	15	18	29	12
Larissa	21	3	6	12	14	31	12
Kavala	21	3	3	15	12	31	9

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	B'ns Pt	Pt
St-Etienne	**29**	**18**	**5**	**6**	**50**	**26**	**3**	**44**
Marseille	29	13	8	8	46	31	2	36
Bastia	27	11	9	7	38	31	4	35
Reims	29	14	4	11	49	43	3	35
Nimes	29	13	6	10	42	37	3	35
Lyon	29	11	9	3	45	41	3	34
Lens	29	12	7	10	47	44	3	34
Monaco	29	15	3	11	54	54	0	33
Nantes	28	11	10	7	34	29	0	32
Bordeaux	28	12	5	11	42	39	2	31
Strassbourg	29	11	7	11	32	39	2	31
St-Germain	28	10	8	10	47	52	1	29
Rennes	29	10	7	12	32	36	2	29
Lille	29	11	3	15	39	41	3	28
Nice	29	10	7	12	40	46	1	28
Troyes	29	9	8	12	33	40	2	28
Metz	28	9	6	13	32	45	2	26
Sochaux	29	8	8	13	30	34	2	26
Red Star	29	7	8	14	33	37	3	25
Angers	29	4	8	17	27	47	2	18

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ujpest Dozsa	**17**	**14**	**2**	**1**	**47**	**17**	**30**
Honved	17	12	4	1	36	11	28
Ferencvaros	16	7	7	2	30	15	21
Zalaegerszeg	17	8	2	7	19	20	18
Csepel	16	7	3	6	23	18	17
Videoton	17	5	7	5	20	26	17
Raba ETO	17	7	2	8	28	26	16
Diosgyör	17	6	4	7	21	25	16
Pecs	17	5	5	7	20	28	15
MTK/VM	17	4	6	7	19	23	14
Tatabanya	17	4	5	8	11	19	13
Vasas	17	5	3	9	21	32	13
Bekescsaba	17	4	4	9	19	26	12
Salgotarjan	17	3	5	9	16	29	11
Haladas	16	4	3	9	15	30	11

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	**27**	**21**	**4**	**2**	**73**	**25**	**46**
Celtic	26	18	4	4	69	29	40
Hibernian	26	14	7	5	46	29	35
Dundee United	26	13	6	7	57	34	32
Aberdeen	26	11	8	7	47	33	30
Dundee	26	12	5	9	35	30	29
Hearts	26	8	11	7	40	44	27
St. Johnstone	27	8	9	10	33	37	25
Ayr United	25	10	5	10	35	49	25
Motherwell	26	11	2	13	41	46	24
Partick Thistle	26	9	5	12	40	52	23
Kilmarnock	26	6	11	9	41	57	23
Airdrieonians	26	7	7	12	28	40	21
Dunfermline	25	6	8	11	36	43	20
Morton	26	6	7	13	28	51	19
Dumbarton	26	5	8	13	34	43	18
Clyde	26	6	6	14	34	48	18
Arbroath	26	4	5	17	25	52	13

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RWD Molenbeek	**27**	**17**	**9**	**1**	**70**	**27**	**43**
Anderlecht	26	13	11	2	49	16	37
FC Brügge	27	14	7	6	54	23	35
Standard	26	14	6	6	42	22	34
Antwerp	27	13	7	7	51	26	33
Beerschot	27	13	7	7	40	27	33
Lierse SK	27	14	4	9	41	36	32
Lokeren	27	11	8	8	38	36	30
Beveren-Waas	27	8	10	9	22	24	26
CS Brügge	27	8	10	9	25	30	26
Waregem	27	8	8	11	27	33	24
Beringen	27	8	8	11	32	42	24
SC Charleroi	27	8	8	11	28	44	24
Berchem	27	6	12	9	23	28	24
Liege	27	8	6	13	30	39	22
Malinois	27	6	9	12	15	27	21
Ol. Montignies	27	5	11	11	23	48	21
Ostende	27	6	8	13	41	56	20
Diest	27	5	7	15	19	50	17
Winterslag	27	1	10	16	21	57	12

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Haiduk	**19**	**11**	**4**	**4**	**32**	**19**	**26**
Vojvodina	19	9	7	3	30	17	25
Red Star	19	10	5	4	34	21	25
Radnicki Nis	19	7	7	5	21	21	21
Sloboda	19	7	7	5	25	27	21
Velez	19	8	4	7	32	18	20
Zeljeznicar	19	7	6	6	32	27	20
OFK Belgrade	19	8	3	8	29	24	19
Dinamo	19	5	9	5	23	21	19
Celik	19	7	4	8	21	24	18
Rijrka	19	5	7	7	17	22	17
Olimpija	19	5	7	7	23	30	17
Vardar	19	3	11	5	17	24	17
Radnicki Krag.	19	5	7	7	12	21	17
Partizan	19	6	4	9	26	28	16
Sarajevo	19	4	7	8	19	27	15
Bor	19	4	7	8	20	29	15
Proleter	19	4	6	9	16	29	14

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	**21**	**13**	**6**	**2**	**31**	**10**	**32**
Napoli	21	8	11	2	28	15	27
Lazio	21	10	7	4	25	15	27
Torino	21	9	8	4	24	17	26
Roma	21	10	5	6	17	12	25
Milan	21	8	8	5	27	18	24
Bologna	21	8	8	5	24	22	24
Inter	21	8	7	6	20	17	23
Fiorentina	21	5	10	6	19	19	20
Cagliari	21	6	6	9	15	22	18
Cesena	21	3	11	7	13	20	17
Ternana	21	4	8	9	16	24	16
Vicenza	21	4	7	10	15	22	15
Ascoli	21	4	7	10	9	23	15
Sampdoria	21	2	10	9	13	28	14
Varese	21	3	7	11	15	27	13

LUXEMBOURG

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Jeunesse	**19**	**14**	**2**	**3**	**56**	**17**	**30**
Avenir	19	11	3	5	37	27	25
Union	19		77	5	30	23	21
Rümelingen	19	7	7	5	30	27	21
Red Boys	19	8	4	7	32	30	20
Etzella	19	8	3	8	31	30	19
Alliance	19	5	8	6	31	30	18
Aris	19	6	6	7	34	36	18
Progres	19	6	4	9	26	37	16
Fola	19	7	2	10	34	48	16
RS Marl-Belair	19	3	6	10	17	34	12
Spora	19	4	4	11	21	40	12

EAST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carl Zeiss Jena	**16**	**12**	**2**	**2**	**30**	**13**	**26**
Magdeburg	16	11	3	2	38	19	25
Dynamo Dresden	16	7	4	5	27	24	18
Rot-Weiss Erfurt	16	7	3	6	24	20	17
Stahl Riesa	16	7	3	6	23	25	17
Sachsenring	16	6	4	6	24	21	16
Chemie Halle	16	4	8	4	26	24	16
Berliner Dynamo	16	4	7	5	26	23	15
Karl-Marx-Stadt	16	5	5	6	20	27	15
Wismut Aue	16	5	5	6	16	26	15
Vorw. Frankfurt	16	4	5	7	27	26	13
Lok. Leipzig	16	6	1	9	24	30	13
Hansa Rostock	16	4	3	9	17	23	11
Vorw. Stralsund	16	2	3	11	11	32	7

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid	**21**	**12**	**5**	**4**	**41**	**15**	**29**
SW Innsbruck	21	14	1	6	41	20	29
VOeEST Linz	21	9	7	5	30	22	25
Austria/WAC	21	8	5	8	35	31	21
Austria Klagen.	21	9	2	10	25	28	20
Austria Salzburg	21	6	7	8	23	37	19
Admira/Wacker	21	6	6	9	29	32	18
Eisenstadt	21	6	6	9	23	36	18
Sturm Graz	21	6	5	10	23	32	17
Linzer ASK	21	4	6	11	22	39	14

SUPERMAC!!!

Malcolm MacDonald of England challenged by Franz Beckenbauer during England's 2-0 victory at Wembley.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Feyenoord	**24**	**17**	**4**	**3**	**71**	**20**	**38**
PSV Eindhoven	24	15	8	1	58	20	38
Ajax	24	16	3	5	55	25	35
Twente	24	12	6	6	41	25	30
AZ'67 Alkmaar	24	10	9	5	37	19	29
Sparta	24	7	13	4	32	23	27
Roda JC	24	8	8	8	35	39	24
Telstar	24	6	12	6	26	33	24
Den Haag	24	6	11	7	26	28	23
Amsterdam	24	6	9	9	33	33	21
Utrecht	24	7	7	10	33	44	21
Excelsior	24	5	10	9	25	36	20
De Graafschap	24	7	5	12	21	41	19
MVV Maastricht	24	5	9	10	29	40	19
Go Ahead Eagles	24	6	6	12	20	39	18
Wageningen	24	4	9	11	26	49	17
Haarlem	24	4	7	13	24	52	15
NAC Breda	24	3	8	13	21	47	14

RUMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dinamo	**19**	**14**	**2**	**3**	**35**	**15**	**30**
CSM Resita	19	10	4	5	30	20	24
AS Armata	19	10	2	7	26	26	22
Uni. Craiova	19	8	5	6	30	16	21
Steaua	18	9	3	7	34	22	21
UT Arad	19	9	3	7	23	19	21
Ol. Satu Mare	19	8	4	7	18	16	20
Sportul	19	8	3	8	21	23	19
CFR Cluj	19	6	7	6	14	16	19
Poli. Timisoara	19	8	3	8	14	20	19
Jiul	19	7	4	8	26	17	18
Arges	19	8	1	10	25	23	17
Constanta	19	6	5	8	17	22	17
Uni Cluj	19	6	5	8	14	25	17
Steagul rosu	19	6	4	9	24	18	16
Chimia	19	5	5	9	16	33	15
Poli. Iassi	19	7	0	12	22	37	14
Galati	19	4	4	11	7	28	12

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	23	14	8	1	46	22	36
Real Zaragoza	23	10	7	6	39	29	27
Espanol	23	10	5	8	23	26	25
Real Sociedad	22	8	8	6	26	24	24
Betis	23	10	4	9	23	23	24
Granada	22	7	9	6	23	27	23
Barcelona	23	9	5	9	40	30	23
Valencia	23	8	7	8	31	26	23
Atl. Madrid	23	6	10	7	28	23	22
Salamanca	23	6	10	7	24	22	22
Celta	23	7	8	8	23	25	22
Elche	23	8	6	9	24	32	22
Las Palmas	23	7	7	9	32	31	21
Gijon	23	6	9	8	25	27	21
Hercules	23	5	11	7	22	25	21
Atl. Bilbao	23	7	7	9	22	27	21
Malaga	23	8	3	12	19	29	19
Murcia	23	4	8	11	22	44	16

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slavia	**16**	**9**	**3**	**4**	**33**	**17**	**21**
CSKA Sofia	16	8	4	4	29	19	20
Lok. Plovdiv	16	7	6	3	34	27	20
Akademik	16	8	4	4	24	18	20
Dunav	16	9	1	6	24	17	19
Levsky/Spartak	16	7	4	5	29	20	18
Sliven	16	5	7	4	24	23	17
Botev	16	5	6	5	25	24	16
Trakia	16	7	2	7	24	28	16
Tschernomore	16	4	7	5	20	26	15
Lok. Sofia	16	4	6	6	23	27	14
Spartak	16	5	4	7	20	29	14
Etar	16	4	4	8	20	25	12
Pirin	16	5	2	9	18	27	12
Minjor	16	4	3	9	15	24	11
Jantra	16	3	5	8	14	25	11

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	**32**	**14**	**14**	**4**	**48**	**29**	**42**
Burnley	33	16	8	9	56	46	40
Derby	32	15	8	9	49	43	38
Liverpool	32	14	9	9	45	34	37
Stoke	32	13	11	8	48	38	37
Ipswich	32	17	2	13	45	30	36
Leeds	32	14	8	10	45	34	36
Manchester City	32	14	8	10	44	44	36
Sheffield United	32	14	8	10	42	42	36
Middlesbrough	32	12	11	9	40	33	35
Queens P R	33	13	8	12	44	42	34
Newcastle	31	14	6	11	48	47	34
West Ham	32	11	11	10	48	41	33
Coventry	33	10	12	11	44	51	32
Wolverhampton	32	10	10	12	39	40	30
Chelsea	32	8	12	12	37	54	28
Birmingham	32	10	7	15	40	49	27
Arsenal	30	9	7	14	33	36	25
Tottenham	33	8	9	16	39	51	25
Leicester	31	8	8	15	29	44	24
Luton	32	5	10	17	28	48	20
Carlisle	32	8	3	21	30	45	19

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slovan	**18**	**10**	**4**	**4**	**42**	**19**	**24**
Brno	18	8	6	4	29	24	22
Teplice	18	7	7	4	19	18	21
Bohemians	18	7	6	5	28	19	20
Banik	18	7	6	5	21	16	20
VSS Kosice	18	8	3	7	41	31	19
Inter	18	9	1	8	35	27	19
Trnava	18	7	5	6	20	22	19
Dukla	18	5	6	7	18	20	16
Sparta	18	6	4	8	28	34	16
Trinec	18	5	6	7	18	24	16
Jablonec	18	7	2	9	17	23	16
Slavia	18	5	5	8	22	27	15
AC Nitra	18	7	1	10	19	28	15
Skoda	18	7	1	10	24	36	15
Zilina	18	5	5	8	20	33	15

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahce	**20**	**11**	**8**	**1**	**35**	**14**	**30**
Galatasaray	20	11	5	4	24	13	27
Besiktas	21	9	8	4	19	14	26
Adanademirspor	21	7	9	5	24	18	23
Ankaragücü	21	6	11	4	18	15	23
Boluspor	21	8	7	6	23	20	23
Eskisehirspor	21	7	8	6	17	15	22
Adanaspor	21	7	7	7	22	17	21
Trabzonspor	21	6	8	7	12	11	20
Bursaspor	20	5	9	6	16	18	19
Altay	21	5	9	7	17	22	19
Göztepe	21	3	11	7	16	29	17
Giresunspor	21	3	10	8	21	27	16
Zonguldakspor	21	5	6	10	14	24	16
Samsunspor	20	4	7	9	15	21	15
Kayserispor	21	4	7	10	11	26	15

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ruch	**16**	**13**	**2**	**1**	**40**	**9**	**28**
Stal	16	9	5	2	21	11	23
Lech	16	8	4	4	20	19	20
Wisla	16	7	5	4	21	15	19
Slask	16	7	4	5	19	17	18
Gornik	16	4	8	4	28	21	16
Legia	16	6	4	6	20	18	16
Zaglebie	16	6	4	6	18	17	16
Szombierki	16	4	6	6	22	20	14
GKS Tychy	16	4	5	7	16	21	13
ROW Rybnik	16	3	7	6	11	16	13
Polonia	16	3	7	6	13	21	13
Gwardia	16	4	4	8	10	18	12
Pogon	16	4	4	8	8	18	12
Arka	16	4	4	8	13	29	12
LKS Lodz	16	3	5	8	12	22	11

More Next Month

News from New Zealand by Brian O'Sullivan

NEW ZEALAND football begins its sixth year of National League football in a confused state: the national team has not played since August 1973, English imports are still being regarded as a justifiable means to an end, and coaches continue to be hired and fired just about as regularly as in other, more professional, football areas of the world.

But there are hopes for the future. The most significant close-season transfer was not a player between clubs but at administrative level. FIFA Consultative Committee member, Jack Cowie, lost his position as chairman of the national body to the much-respected former League committee chairman, Ron Kelly.

In recent years Mr Kelly has been responsible for the popular internal tours made by junior national teams. He has represented the League with dignity and vision even though this body has yet to be given a vote at an annual meeting of the NZFA.

Domestic

Kelly now has the chance to bring further stability and open-mindedness to the domestic scene. An immediate ban on imports would be a priority. Even now, five years after the National League began, clubs continue to depend on imported players as against relying on the development of locally-produced boys.

Moreover, the turnover of coaches — 35 — has been astounding for an amateur-playing country. The one remaining coach from the first season of the national championship, Bert Ormond (brother of Scotland's manager, Willie) finished with Blockhouse Bay last season.

Supremo

One supremo who has persisted with local boys is the former Chelsea and England international Ken Armstrong. In spite of missing a few weeks of the championship to see the World Cup finals he took the Mt Wellington side to the National League title with seven points to spare, the club becoming the first to win the title twice.

Clubs from Auckland have now won four of the five league titles but their overall dominance was broken last season when the only two South Island clubs, Christchurch United and New Brighton, both from the same city, finished second and third respectively; United after winning the championship by a record eight points in 1973 and New Brighton after finishing ninth out of ten teams in each of its two previous seasons.

Caversham, the Dunedin club, returns to this season's championship after a one year absence in the Southern League first division.

Crowds continue to increase gradually — a key championship game in either Christchurch or Auckland will attract at least 5,000 — but the football boom will not come until the youngsters kicking the footballs around the school playgrounds and suburban parks are playing in the National League sides.

The growth of the game at junior level has been astounding; in 1970 Truth newspaper revealed that more schoolboys played football than the national sport, rugby, in the capital city, Wellington . . . and the kids are getting better and better all the time.

When they are old enough to play in the big teams let's hope they are allowed to and not prevented from doing so by the present circumstances. Because, really, the game has gone far enough ahead in New Zealand now to do without new arrivals.

FIVE-YEAR NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE 1970-74

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Christchurch United	86	51	19	16	194	99	121
2. Mount Wellington	86	53	14	19	216	114	120
3. Blockhouse Bay	86	48	17	21	177	103	113
4. Eastern Suburbs	86	45	15	26	179	143	105
5 Gisborne City	86	30	20	36	146	153	80
6. Stop Out	86	28	20	38	135	164	76
7. Wellington City (Hungaria)	86	24	16	46	129	183	64
8. New Brighton	54	15	11	28	82	113	41
9. Caversham (Dunedin Suburbs)	54	13	7	34	56	125	33
10. *Wellington Diamond United	36	12	6	18	43	61	30
11. *Auckland City (Mt Albert Ponsonby)	36	6	7	23	41	89	19
12. North Shore United	18	6	4	8	23	27	16
13. *Western Suburbs	32	4	6	22	36	83	14

Notes: Three clubs have had name change; previous name in parenthesis. Clubs marked * not in this season's championship.

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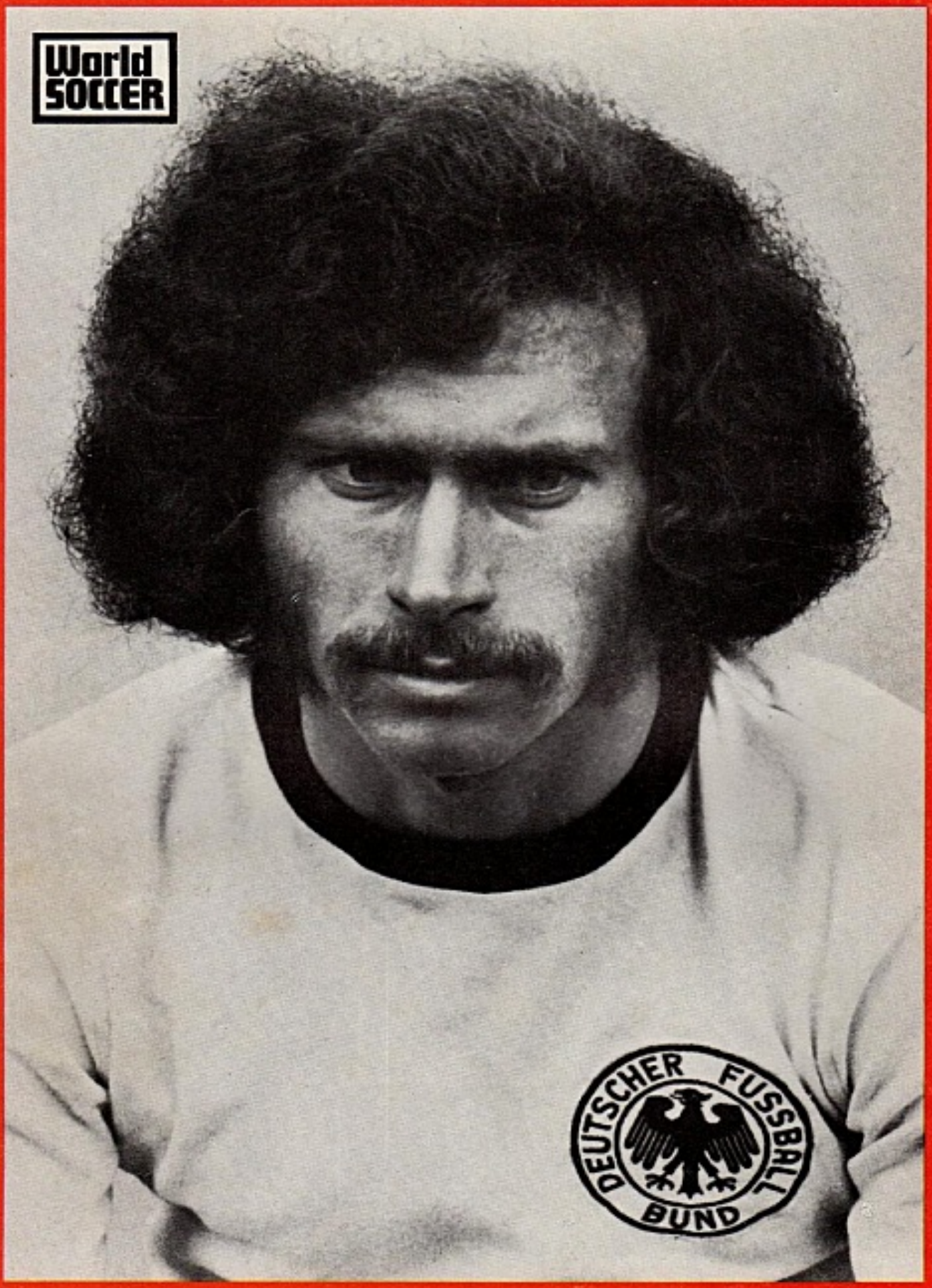

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